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GREAT TANK CLASH IN DESERT

RUHR GETS ANOTHER POUNDING

Vital war industries, crowded into Germany's greatest manufacturing area — the Ruhr — were heavily attacked for the sixth night in succession by large forces of R.A.F. bombers on Monday night.

The Air Ministry news service states that though dark, the night was clear and even before the moon had risen many aircraft had reached and bombed Cologne, Dusseldorf and Duisberg.

These cities, through which runs the Rhine, were the main objectives of the night and soon there were fires on both sides of the river, tall industrial buildings showing up in the glare of the flames.

As the attack developed the ground defences became more formidable, anti-aircraft shells bursting all round the R.A.F. planes and countless searchlights trying to compete with the glare of the flames and flares dropped by the bombers.

In spite of the defences the pilots got, through to their targets. — Reuter.

PROSPECT OF A LONG WAR

"You face the prospect of a long war," the United States Secretary for War, Mr. Henry Stimson, told the Committee of the House of Representatives yesterday, indicating that the war might well last more than four years.

Mr. Stimson said one of the benefits of the proposed St. Lawrence seaway, which would take four years to build, would be the protection afforded to part of the route for munitions to England.

"IN MY OPINION," HE DECLARED, "IT IS NECESSARY TO PREPARE FOR A VERY LONG EMERGENCY."

"We all hope that it will be brief, but it is not safe to act on such a hope in the situation as it confronts us to-day."

There is a very strong chance, he concluded, "of the emergency lasting long enough for the United States to benefit by this seaway."

Terrific Battle On Escarpment Above Halfaya

(By Reuter's Chief Correspondent in Cairo)

ONE OF THE BIGGEST ENCOUNTERS WITH TANKS EVER SEEN TOOK PLACE ON SUNDAY ON THE ESCARPMENT NEAR HALFAYA PASS, ON THE EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN FRONTIER, ACCORDING TO REPORTS REACHING CAIRO LAST NIGHT.

Raising clouds of sand, tanks and other fighting vehicles charged, attacked, counter-attacked and reformed in surprising manoeuvres.

British tanks made a wide sweeping movement south of Halfaya Pass, charged up the escarpment, and debouched on fighting ground in the triangle formed by Halfaya Pass, Sollum and Fort Capuzzo.

REPORTS OF THIS OPERATION, THOUGH IT WAS OF LIMITED SCOPE HAVE AROUSED GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND EXCITEMENT IN EGYPT BECAUSE IT SHOWS

Firstly, that General Wavell, whose name has a magic ring for the Egyptians, is strong enough to conduct operations on two fronts simultaneously, and

Secondly, that supplies and equipment, which have been steadily pouring in for months from Britain, America, India and Australia, must now be approaching the point of being really adequate. — Reuter.

Modest Beginning?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") It was stated in London that at least 12 Italian tanks were smashed in Sunday's mechanised battle in which British and Indian infantry were also engaged.

DESPISE THE CAREFULLY GUARDED OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE OPERATION, MILITARY CIRCLES IN LONDON RECALL THAT GENERAL WAVELL'S SHATTERING WINTER OFFENSIVE BEGAN IN A SIMILAR MODEST FASHION AND GAINED MOMENTUM AS IT ROLLED ALONG. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Not So Lucky Now

The increase of the value of benefices which were contracted to be received tax-free, is to be counteracted by new proposals announced yesterday by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood.

Certain lucky individuals, notably company directors and recipients of alimony who were being paid tax-free, were receiving on £5,000 tax-free, for example, the equivalent of £66,000.

The readjustment now planned will see that the burden of the tax falls on the payee instead of the payer. — Reuter.

BUCHAREST BLACKOUT

REINTRODUCTION OF THE BLACK-OUT IN BUCHAREST IS REPORTED BY THE BUDAPEST CORRESPONDENT OF THE "BASLER NACHRICHTEN."

The correspondent adds: "Shortage of several important foodstuffs and other articles in common use is beginning to make

IMPORTANT TOKYO TALKS

The Japanese Ambassador in London, Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, has left on the first stage of his journey to Tokyo.

According to present arrangements the Ambassador will return to his post in London when his conversations with the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, have been completed.

The decision to go to Tokyo was taken when it was proved impossible for Mr. Shigemitsu to see Mr. Matsuoka during the latter's visit this year to Moscow and Berlin.

The Ambassador is to fly across the Atlantic and America and will complete his long journey by sea.

He is accompanied by the First and Third Secretaries of the Japanese Embassy in London.

The First Secretary has been appointed to a post in South America and will proceed thither from New York. His place as First Secretary in London has been taken by Mr. Yamada. — Reuter.

itself felt in Bucharest."

The shortage, he says, involves meat, fats, oil, coffee, tea, rice, flour, soap, textiles and leather. — Reuter.

WE MUST STAND AND FIGHT

The Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, in a nationwide broadcast last night reviewing the military position, said: "As Germany creeps along the European coastline the voyage round the Cape, supplying the Middle East, becomes more tortuous and vulnerable.

"We must fight where and how the enemy compels us.

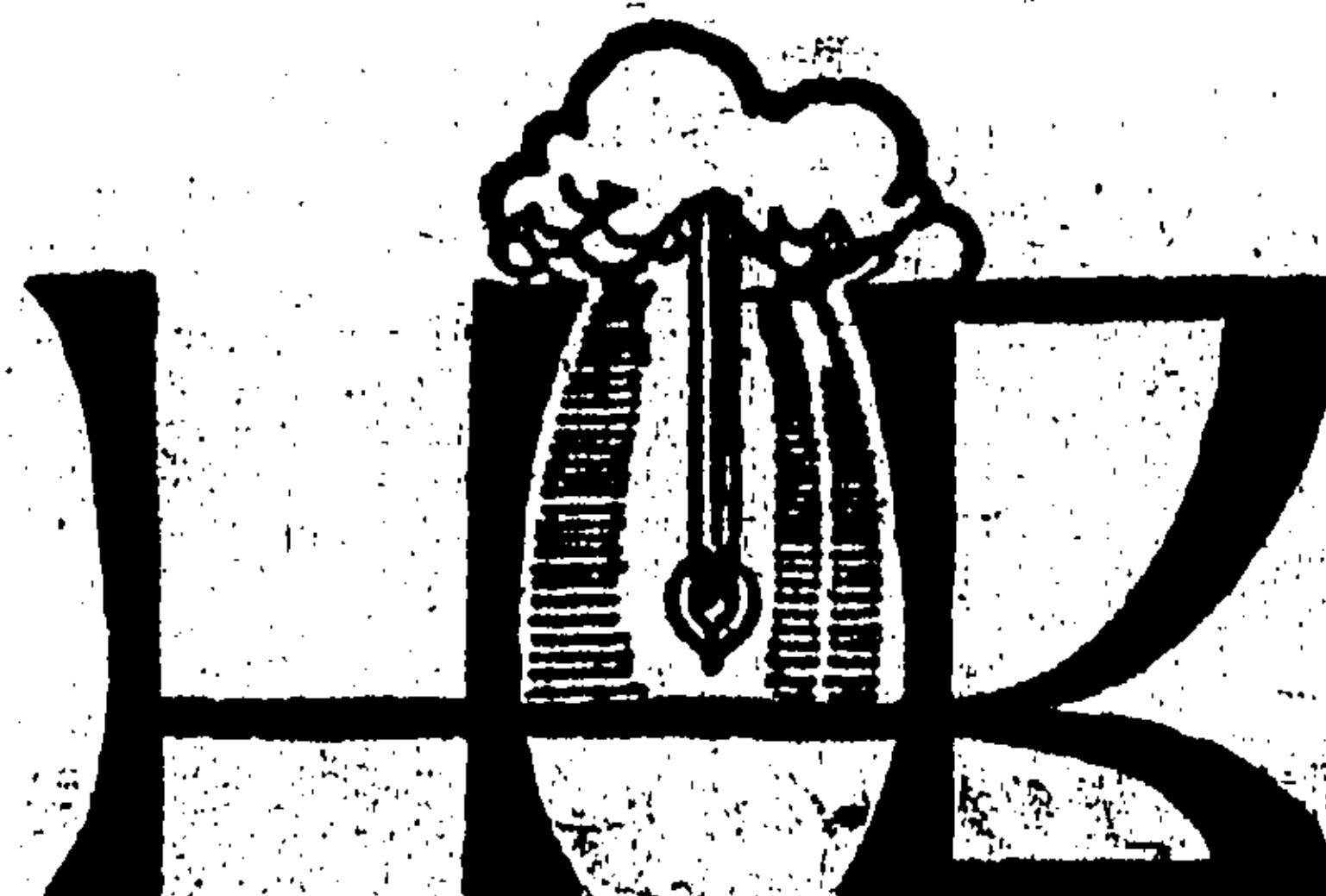
"We must stand and fight for the Middle East or else surrender the Mediterranean, extricate the Fleet, yield Iraq and Iran, open the gateway to India, expose French Africa to complete subjugation and make it easy for Spain to give bases in North-West Africa, thus adding a new and deadly menace to the Atlantic and to the whole contact of Britain with the Empire south and east of Suez.

"In the face of these perils any limitation upon our efforts must go." — Reuter.

FRENCH LOSE A DESTROYER

A French destroyer has been sunk in operations off Syria, says a Beirut telegram to the Vichy news agency quoted by Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



— AND THEN TRY!

Japanese Delegates Decide To Leave Batavia

NAZI BOMBER CRASHES IN PORTUGAL

Portuguese officials who examined the wreckage of a plane which crashed in flames close to the Spanish frontier early on Sunday say it was a four-engined German bomber presumably returning from the Gibraltar raid.—Reuter.

THE ROBIN MOOR CASE

The basic charges against Germany for sinking the Robin Moor are not affected by the arrival of the missing survivors at Capetown, declared Mr. Sumner Welles, United States Under-Secretary of State, yesterday.

The United States Government would very soon be able to reach a final decision on action to be taken, he said. Meanwhile the American consul at Capetown had been instructed to cable a summary of the survivors' depositions.

Although Mr. Welles did not indicate what action would be taken, it is considered that at the very least a stern protest would be lodged.—Reuter.

"FLEECED" WOMAN ALLEGATION

When John Houlden 34, described as of independent means, Cumberland Mansions, Hyde Park, was remanded for two weeks at Marlborough Street Police Court on charges of fraudulent conversion and forgery involving £665, Mr. C. Humphreys prosecuting, said:

"This is a story of a clever rogue batten upon a woman with money who early fell under his influence—I might say almost his spell—signed almost anything put in front of her, and was slowly but deliberately fleeced of large amounts of money."

It was stated that the £665 was the money of Mrs. Ethel Gertrude Miller-Mundy, Viceroy Court, Regent's Park.

When arrested Houlden was alleged to have said: "This is a pity, as Lord Tredegar and Lord Anerley were going to see Mrs. Miller-Mundy to-morrow and put the matter right."

YOSHIZAWA HAS FINAL INTERVIEW

THE JAPANESE DELEGATES have decided to leave the Netherlands East Indies following the impasse in the economic talks, according to a Japanese telegram from Batavia.

Prior to this announcement, Mr. Yoshizawa, head of the Japanese delegation, had a final interview with the Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies.

The telegram adds the delegation will leave Batavia for Japan on June 29.

The prominent Tokyo newspaper "Hochi" says the Japanese Government should nevertheless continue to urge the East Indies to cooperate with Japan in building an "East Asia prosperity sphere."

Declaring that the Dutch Governor-General's speech to the People's Council on Monday indirectly implied that Japan was one of the colony's enemies the "Hochi" says Japan must take this into consideration and take determined steps to make the East Indies realise Japan's ideal of a Greater East Asia.—Reuter.

ARMY FASHIONS FOR FUR COATS

The Marchioness of Willingdon has sponsored a pre-view of British fur co's to be sent to Canada shortly with a trade delegation.

Nearly all the furs shown were of skins from various parts of the Empire. Even the few made up from South American or American skins were processed or dyed in London.

One of the most striking outifts was a soldierly coat and field service cap made in flat otter. Another mannequin wore a lamb coat dyed scarlet as one of the components of the British colours.

Another unusual coat was a British moleskin dyed dark green, cut like the uniform of a Hussar.

Sables and minks from Canada, dyed ermines, Indian lambs and combinations of ocelot and beaver all showed the remarkable fashionable styles. The display was arranged by the Fur Trade Export Group.

RETALIATION BY GERMANY

AMERICAN PROPERTY IN GERMANY IS THE OBJECT OF IMMEDIATE RETALIATORY ACTION BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

Berlin announced yesterday:

"By order of the President, the Government of the United States on June 14 announced the freezing of all German assets in the United States; by order of the German Government, therefore,

the necessary steps will immediately be taken concerning the property of American citizens in the German Reich."—Reuter.

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NEW ZEALAND TO BUILD MINESWEEPERS

The placing of a contract for building four minesweepers at Port Chalmers to British Admiralty plans, was announced yesterday by the New Zealand Minister of Supply, Mr. Sullivan, says Reuter from Wellington.

WEDDINGS IN RAIDED CHURCH

Married Amid Ruins

Two couples were married in the charred porch of a London church which was destroyed by incendiary bombs during London's second heavy raid in four nights.

The weddings were solemnised while the ruins were still smoking and firemen were at work. Guests stood on the steps.

The first couple were Mr. Arthur Ernest Oxford and Miss Georgina Ivy Wright and the second were Cpl. Christopher Morrison, of the Canadian Forces, and Miss Helen Fowler.

Scorched beams and heaps of tiles had to be removed from the porch.

Earlier, the vicar had said Matins and called the banns of marriage from the doorstep. Two Communion services and three baptisms, with a bowl on a wooden pedestal as a font, took place in the drawing-room of the vicarage.

"SECRET WEAPON" AGAINST ENEMY AIRCRAFT

"DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH promise in many directions" in the detection and destruction of enemy planes, was mentioned by the Lord Privy seal, Mr. C. R. Attlee, in answer to a question in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Attlee was invited to amplify the recent statement by the Canadian Defence Minister, Col. Ralston, announcing Canadian help in this direction.

Mr. Attlee said that thanks to the brilliant work of our scientists great progress had been made in devising means of helping the Fighting Services in locating and destroying enemy planes.

British industries were now turning out increasing quantities of an ingenious apparatus whose maintenance demands large numbers of skilled men, especially radio mechanics.

Training is being given by the Fighting Services assisted by universities and technical colleges all over the country.

THERE WAS STILL NEED FOR MORE CRAFTSMEN AND A BROADCAST APPEAL WAS BEING MADE TO TECHNICAL MEN OVERSEAS TO COME FORWARD TO JOIN THEIR SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE TO THAT OF OUR SCIENTISTS.—REUTER.

KING HEARTENED DYING BARRIE

It is fairly common knowledge that Sir James Barrie, while writing his last play, "The Boy David," worked into the dialogue two remarks made to him by Princess Margaret, and promised to pay the Princess a penny for each stage performance.

How that story ended has not been told till now, when it appears in Denis Mackail's official biography, "The Story of J.M.B." Barrie, old, ill, dispirited at the comparative failure of his play, Margaret, now a King's daughter, and perhaps feeling that Princess was less informally approachable, had not the heart to carry his jest through.

The King discovered this and sent an official-looking document saying that if the obligation was not met his solicitors would take up the matter.

This put new heart into Barrie, as it was intended to do. He had a magnificent legal document made out, and obtained a bag of bright new pennies, meaning to take them to the Palace and pay Royalty's royalties in person.

When the time came, however, he was much too ill to go. Once again the King came to the rescue. He sent for the agreement, showed the Princess where to sign, and sent it back to Barrie on his death-bed.

CHINA-BURMA FRONTIER FIXED

Delimitation of the frontier between China and Burma has been finally settled after prolonged negotiations, Reuter learned from well-informed sources in Chungking yesterday.

It is expected that an agreement between the Chinese and British Governments will be signed shortly.—Reuter.

PORTUGAL REINFORCES THE AZORES

A DETACHMENT OF SAILORS HAS LEFT LISBON FOR THE AZORES TO REINFORCE THE NAVAL BASE AT PONTA DEL GADA, STATES A LISBON DESPATCH RECEIVED IN VICHY LAST NIGHT.

The sailors took with them a quantity of war materials.

A contingent of troops from Lisbon has already arrived in the Azores, according to a despatch from Angra do Heroismo.—Reuter.

GENERAL DENTZ STRIKES BACK

Resistance In Syria Develops Strongly

Vichy Troops Drive On Merj Ayoun

(By Reuter's Chief Correspondent in Cairo)

RESISTANCE BY THE VICHY TROOPS IN SYRIA, WHICH IT WAS HOPED COULD BE AVOIDED, HAS NOW DEVELOPED AND GENERAL DENTZ'S FORCES HAVE STRUCK A BLOW IN THE CENTRE WHICH HAS LED TO FIGHTING.

It has, however, made no material change, and latest despatches received in Cairo yesterday report that Merj Ayoun — claimed to have been taken by Vichy troops — is still in Allied hands.

The situation there is well in hand and Allied reserves are available.

On the coast the Allies have made a little progress beyond Sidon and the position there seems reasonably secure.

There is still fighting south of Damascus, where certain Vichy positions have been captured.

The Allies are now on the hills overlooking the Plain of Damascus and are making their way slowly down towards the city.

The Syrians and Druses generally are proving friendly to the Allies.

"Counter-Offensive"

A Vichy communique on the Syria operations, broadcast by Lyons radio last night, reads: "In the area situated between the Jebel Druse and Mount Hermon, as well as in the mountainous part of south Lebanon, counter-offensive operations continue.

"On the coast, the British forces, deprived of the support of the Fleet, which withdrew on the morning of June 16, have developed only slight activity.

"Our air force continued yesterday to attack with bombs the rear of the enemy despite very active anti-aircraft defences.

"THE RAYAK AND HOMS DISTRICTS WERE TWICE RAIDED BY THE R.A.F. ON SUNDAY NIGHT BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE." — REUTER.

GERMANS ACTIVE IN MOROCCO

Anti-French Agitation

Latest reports received in London from Morocco show that German agitation among the natives is now taking a directly anti-French turn. The Germans in Morocco are openly boasting that they are the masters in French North Africa and that the French are under their orders.

For exhibiting a postcard portrait of Marshal Pétain hung upside down on a meat-hook, a native butcher has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Another native at Dakar received a sentence of one year for making anti-French remarks on board a coastal steamer.

British Banned

The Germans have instructed Adm. Darlan, as Foreign Minister, to ensure that no visas for Morocco are issued by French Consuls abroad except to French or German nationals. British subjects are not allowed to enter the country.

The Germans are still worrying about those Frenchmen who give allegiance both to Marshal Pétain and Gen. de Gaulle. This is reflected in the German-controlled Paris press. The "Matin" writes: "Now that the Marshal himself has spoken, we hope that we shall no longer see the paradox of people who bow to the hero of Verdun and at the same time listen to propaganda from London."

It was announced that the French Cabinet had decided to close the French frontiers to all Frenchmen between the ages of 17 and 40 to prevent them from leaving France to join Gen. de Gaulle's forces.

The announcement added that ships were leaving daily from Normandy and Brittany for British ports and that French Consuls in Spain were continually receiving reports that volunteers for the Free French Forces had arrived from France.

COMMON PURPOSE

"CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES SHALL FOR EVER WALK TOGETHER AS THE BEST OF GOOD NEIGHBOURS," SAID THE CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER, MR. MACKENZIE KING, IN RECEIVING AN HONORARY DEGREE AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY YESTERDAY.

Mr. Mackenzie King, who is on a brief visit to the United States, told the graduating class: "Between you and us is a community of thought, ideals and purpose. Our common disdain of fleeting things that will pass, our common love of eternal things that will remain." — Reuter.

KREISLER RECOVERS

FRITZ KREISLER, THE FAMOUS VIOLINIST, WAS DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY DESCRIBED AS GOOD.

Audiences will once more hear him play with all his matchless art, for his wife stated he will play again "as he has always played."

Kreisler, who is 60, was knocked down by a motorcar in New

York seven weeks ago and was taken to hospital suffering from a fractured skull and internal injuries. — Reuter.

CAPTAIN ROOSEVELT IN LISBON

(By Reuter's Lisbon Correspondent)

Captain James Roosevelt, eldest son of the President, arrived in Lisbon yesterday, 10 days behind his schedule, on the way back to Washington after travelling 30,000 miles round the globe.

Looking bronzed and fit, he told me: "I have got a pretty accurate general picture of the war situation. Air power is a tremendous, if not a dominating factor in this war."

Capt. Roosevelt, who was unable to discuss military problems, said: "There was a great demand for American materials in the East, and although many problems remain unsolved as yet, one can be reasonably satisfied with the material help getting through."

"Nowhere is help more greatly appreciated than in China, where I was impressed by the cheerful confidence of the people." — Reuter.

EIRE'S FOOD SHORTAGE

Eire is experiencing a severe shortage of feeding supplies for humans and animals but supplies of flour and bread in the country will be adequate until the next harvest has arrived.

This was stated in the Daily yesterday by Mr. Sean Lemass, Minister of Supplies, who announced that it was not improbable that after the next harvest a certain amount of other cereals may have to be used with wheat to ensure the nation's requirements of flour and bread.

Shipping difficulties would further increase if there was an extension of the belligerent field of activity. — Reuter.

WEYGAND'S WANING POWERS

According to French circles in New York, travellers who have recently returned from French North Africa paint a sombre picture of the extent to which Gen. Weygand's powers of independent action have been circumscribed by Nazi penetration during the past few months.

It is said to be no longer a question of willingness or unwillingness but one of lack of ability to resist German demands. The strength of Gen. Weygand's forces has been greatly exaggerated. It now consists of about 125,000 men and 100 planes. Supplies, especially petrol, are short. The Armistice Commission now consists entirely of Germans, most of them chosen because of their familiarity with the Arabic world. They have large sums to spend on "subversive" activities among the native population.

GREEK NAVY JOINS BRITAIN AT ALEXANDRIA

A cruiser, seven destroyers, two torpedo-boats and five submarines of the Greek Navy have reached Alexandria and have now joined the British Mediterranean Fleet, announced a senior officer of the Greek Navy in a broadcast from London last night, says Reuter.

BRITISH NOTE TO YUGOSLAVS

The British Government, in a Note to the Yugoslav Minister in London, places on record "their sense of indignation at the shameless manner in which Yugoslavia has been mutilated and parts of her territory subjected to foreign rule, in gross violation of the true feelings of the Yugoslav people."

The British Government takes note of the Yugoslav protests at the dismemberment of the country by the Axis.

It recalls the Yugoslav protests of May 14 and 28 calling attention to the illegal proclamation of an "Independent Croatia, which represented camouflaged annexation to Italy of Croatia" and "the brutal dismemberment of the Slovene people."

The British Note declares these acts by the German and Italian Governments to be dull and void and states that the British Government will continue to support the Government of King Peter. — Reuter.

HALF A MILLION FEWER JOBLESS

Unemployed in Britain numbered 290,312 on May 12, which is nearly 500,000 fewer than on May 20 last year and nearly 30,000 less than the previous month's figure, says Reuter from London this morning.

PARTY TRUCE IN BRITAIN TO CONTINUE

SUPPORT FOR continuation of the political Party truce agreed to between the Conservative, Liberal and Labour Parties in Britain when Mr. Churchill became Premier, was given yesterday at the Annual Conference of the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

The Union's membership of over 500,000 includes many of Britain's armament workers.

The Union's President, Mr. Jack Taylor, said: "I do not see anyone who can get a majority of the people more than Mr. Churchill. He is a man of outstanding character and can get the unity of the whole people of this country.

"The Labour Party is satisfied that the only way in which this war can be conducted under present circumstances is by having this truce."

By 28 votes to 23, with one neutral, the Conference defeated a resolution calling for immediate repudiation of the political truce and of the suspension of local and national elections.

Not The Time

The Report of the Union's Executive Committee, which will be laid before the Conference later this week, states: "Now is not the time for interneeneing conflicts. Our

part is mainly to use all available powers on the munitions production field. We must continue collaboration with Government to this end." — Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE RECRUITING

Mr. McEwen, Australian Air Minister, announced yesterday that Government was considering the absorption of women in clerical duties in the R.A.A.F., release of physically fit men of fighting age for active service and an increase in the age limits for ground staff.

Government had also decided to reduce the height for entry to the R.A.A.F. to five feet. — Reuter.

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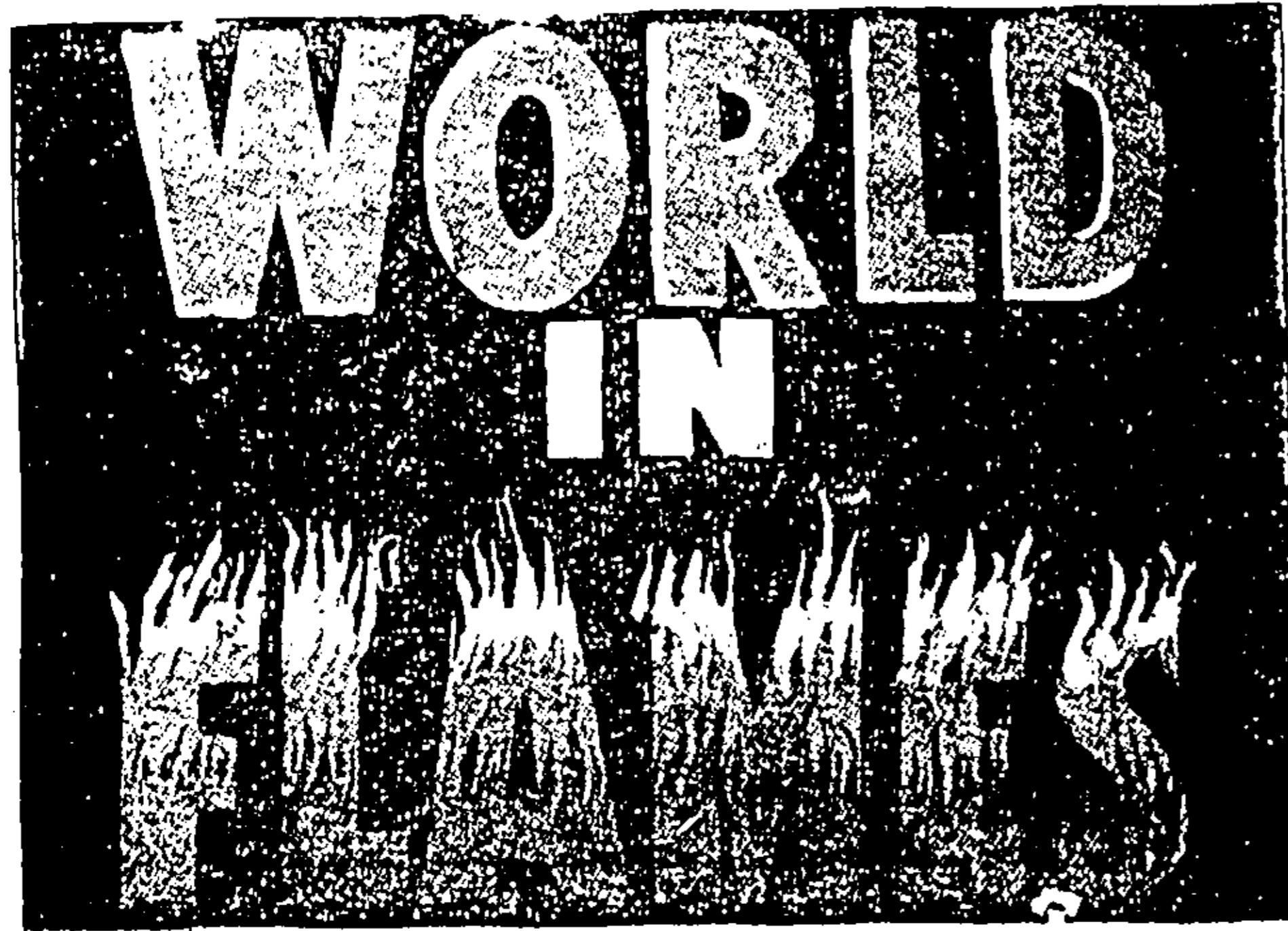


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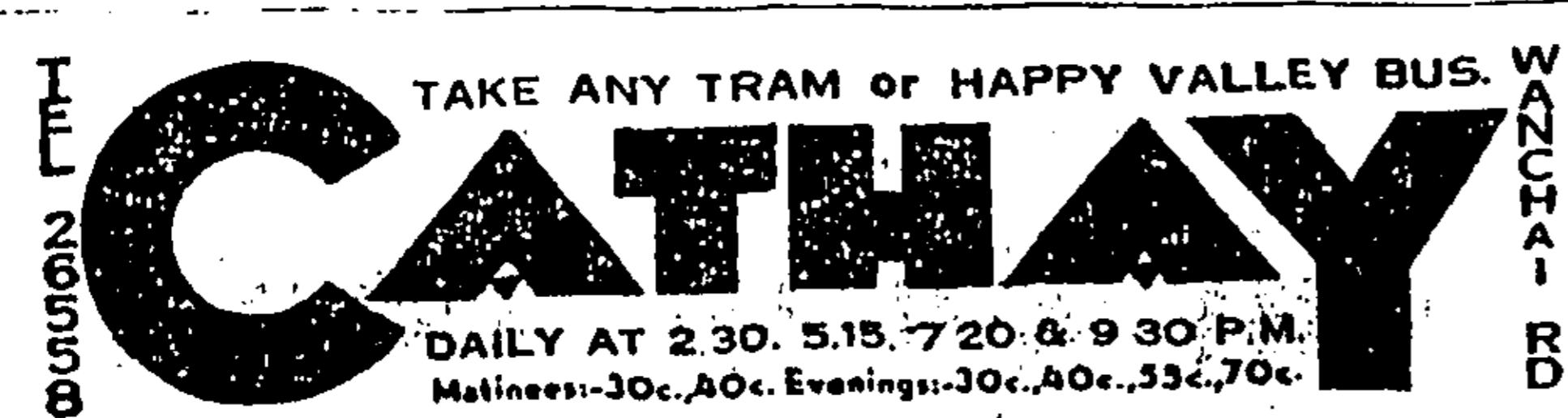
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"WITH THE ENEMY AT HER GATES AND APPROACHING OUR SHORES THERE WILL BE TIME ENOUGH TO CHECK ON COSTS AND CREDITS WHEN WE ALL KNOW WHETHER THE WORLD IS TO BE SLAVE OR FREE," SAID MR. MACKENZIE KING, CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER, IN NEW YORK LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Mackenzie King was referring to Britain's shortage of Canadian money which "we have told her not to worry about." He was speaking to the Associated Canadian Organisations in New York.

"Our people went to war for the sake of Canada but not for Canada alone.

"We went to war for the sake of Britain, for North American civilisation, which we are proud to defend, and for the sake of that humanity above all nations.

"Against total war we have brought and shall bring our total effort."

Mr. Mackenzie King continued: "The value of Canadian shipments of food, raw materials and war equipment to Britain will, it is estimated, reach \$1,500,000,000 in 1941.

Britain's Needs

"Apart from goods sent to Canada, Britain has needed already \$1,000,000,000 to cover Canadian purchases. Britain has paid Canada about a quarter of this in gold while Canada herself supplied the remainder in Canadian dollars, which the British needed."

He predicted the end of the war would find the British Commonwealth and the United States "on each other's side, united more closely than ever in one great endeavour to undo the wrongs which have been done to mankind." — Reuter.

FATE OF FRENCH NAZI AGENT

THE EXASPERATION OF PEOPLE IN OCCUPIED FRANCE AGAINST NAZI AGENTS IS REVEALED BY NEWS FROM NEUTRAL CORRESPONDENTS IN PARIS THAT M. JEAN FONTOY HAS "DISAPPEARED."

M. Fontenoy was head of the propaganda service of the Rassemblement National Populaire, the puppet party working in Paris for M. Laval and the Germans.

Although he never went out without a bodyguard, it is believed that he has been assassinated, as was another official of this party about a week ago.

Mr. Loewenstein was the son of the late Capt. Alfred Loewenstein, the Belgian financier, who fell from his plane into the English Channel in 1928.

Constance Loxton said she saw a plane flying very low. It went out of sight behind a hedge, the engine stopping. She thought the machine had landed. The engine started again and the plane reappeared. It was tipping sideways with the left wing sticking up. It disappeared behind some trees and crashed.

Pilot Off. Francis, A.T.A., said that Mr. Loewenstein was an experienced pilot. The machine would have been tested before he left it.

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BRITONS ON RIVIERA LIVE IN YACHTS

A FAIR NUMBER OF British people continue to live on the French Riviera, which is nominally under the control of the Italian Armistice Commission, but life on this famous playground of the wealthy is vastly different from what it was before the French collapse.

To make their funds go as far as possible in the difficult circumstances, numbers of the British colony are living aboard yachts and other craft. Cannes yacht harbour is so crammed that no mooring space is left.

The British people live either on the capital they had in France or on the £10 monthly they are allowed to receive through the United States Consulate. They are mostly men of military age not allowed to leave or elderly folk and invalids who cannot face the hazards of the journey home.

Such is the faith of the French in Britain's victory that they have cashed deferred, undated cheques signed by British residents.

Cheques Up To £1,000

Some Englishmen have negotiated cheques up to £1,000 in this way. The cheque is usually accompanied by a letter in which the drawer instructs his executors to pay the debt in case he should die before the cheque becomes cashable.

Sir Warden Chilcott's yacht Dolphin is in Cannes harbour in the charge of two sailors, one English, one Russian. The former recently married a Frenchwoman with two children, and all live on board in luxurious surroundings, apparently existing on the £10 monthly which the English sailor receives.

Two yachts belonging to Capt. L. F. Plugge, M.P., are moored near by. Prince Andrew of Greece lives aboard a yacht which flies the Greek flag, to the delight of the French population.

No Confiscation

Most British residents on the Riviera have closed their villas or left them in the charge of servants. An informant tells me that he does not know of a single instance where British property has been confiscated or interfered with, though often the owners were unable to leave sufficient money to pay servants or taxes.

Buying and selling jewellery is a flourishing activity on the Riviera. The buyers are Frenchmen seeking some means of preserving their funds against depreciation, and the sellers are wealthy refugees of many nationalities.

In spite of food shortage, the black-out and restricted amusements, Riviera life retains a little of its former outward brilliancy. The French casinos are closed, but the Monte Carlo casino is crowded with international gamblers playing high stakes.

On fine days the promenades are thronged with well-dressed crowds, but the streets are strangely silent, for traffic consists almost exclusively of bicycles and a few gas-driven buses, which are constantly breaking down.

Social life ceases at nightfall. Dancing is forbidden and the cinema is the only entertainment left.

MARTINIQUE AIDING AXIS BY MAILING PROPAGANDA

Martinique is becoming a propaganda centre for the Caribbean area and Latin America, distributing Vichy "information" that aids the Axis powers.

Funds are not likely to be available for this work from the Vichy government, so the question arises here as to whether they are furnished by Germany or are part of frozen funds in the United States, released for relief in Martinique.

Among mailed propaganda is a weekly bulletin of thirty pages, printed in Fort-de-France. It is issued by the Central Information Service of the French Indies and is mailed without charge.

DUTCH LEGION IN TRAINING

A visit by the Defence Minister of the Netherlands, Colonel A. Q. Dyxhoorn, to the Dutch Legion in England, has provided an opportunity of seeing something of the camp life of this sturdy body of soldiers, who, together with their sailors and airmen, are resolutely fighting on at the side of their British Allies and all the other free forces of Europe.

The Legion is already larger than is generally supposed; it is constantly being reinforced both by recruits raised from Dutch residents in Britain and by daring men who still find means of escaping from German oppression.

A large part of the force, some of them members of the Dutch Grenadiers and Chasseurs, others gunners and military police now transformed into drivers of Bren carriers, bore the first shock of the enemy's offensive last May and later survived the hazards of Dunkirk and other French ports, even Bordeaux.

They must have been about the only contingent to get away with their own transport; a fleet of big Dutch autocars, still containing public notices that bring back many a half-forgotten continental scene, has been a valuable asset during their peregrinations in England. They are soon to move on again to a permanent camp acquired by the Dutch Government, not without regrets at leaving the many friends they have made during the winter amid the smoky mills of an old Midland market town.

British Battle-Dress

One's main impression as the Legion, wearing British battle-dress and steel helmets, paraded on a bleak square was of the English appearance of the men. Only the Dutch lion worn as a designation patch, the badges of rank of the officers, and, perhaps, their French manner of presenting arms would distinguish them for the casual observer from British troops.

The resemblance, indeed, is more than skin deep, for this nucleus of the new Dutch Army, which, like most continental forces, was strongly influenced before the war by the practice and doctrine of the French Ecole de Guerre, is not only completely equipped with British material but most sensibly has adopted British methods of organisation and training.

Apart from their training, the force have been given a role as hunters of parachutists, and they showed their skill at this type of warfare in a little scheme directed against a mock force of enemy troops who had seized a village and were of course, speedily dispatched.

"Oogenrechts!"

The Minister for Defence, accompanied by Vice-Admiral

SAYS U.S. MUST RE-PLAN

The fact that hostile aircraft could bomb even inland cities of the United States will hasten the decentralisation and re-planning of crowded cities, says Professor Ludwig Hilberseimer, city planning expert.

INVASION TEST HORROR

From the town of Moulin in occupied France I have received an account of a remarkable and fatal experiment carried out by the Germans during one of their frequent practices for the invasion of Britain, writes a correspondent.

The Nazis sprayed petrol on a lonely reach of the River Allier outside the town. Then they set it alight. Troops in supposedly fireproof overalls were ordered to plunge into the resulting sea of flame.

The test ended in disaster. The garments proved no protection. Some men were burned to death and others severely scarred.

Secret Experiment

It is impossible to discover the exact number of casualties or the scope of the experiment, since it was carried out secretly. But my information comes from a French doctor who was called to attend the victims. A number of cases he saw were beyond aid.

It is firmly believed in France, among the occupation troops as well as the civilian population, that a German expedition set out across the Channel last autumn, but was destroyed through British naval units spraying petrol on the sea and igniting it by incendiary bullets.

This story has never been confirmed nor denied by official British quarters, but it had and still has a powerful effect on the morale of the German troops. They believe they are going to be sent on a suicidal expedition against Britain, and face the prospect with unconcealed dread.

Invasion drill still forms part of their routine training.

Furstner, Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Dutch navy in European waters—it is taking its part in the Battle of the Atlantic—and Major-General Noothoven van Goor, Commander-in-Chief of the Dutch Forces, followed the operation and afterwards took the salute on the village green, which must certainly have been hearing the command "Oogen rechts!" for the first time.

Addressing the legion, Colonel Dyxhoorn expressed his satisfaction at the standard of training, and said that in the near future military achievements of the highest order might be expected of them. They had to think first of all of the defence of Britain, which had a vital bearing on the fight for freedom of their own country. They would be proud to take a part in smashing the enemy if he risked invasion; and there was the other task, constantly in mind, that would have to be accomplished when the time came of crossing over to Holland and dealing with the enemy and the traitors who were oppressing the country.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

UNREALITIES IN INDIA

The strange contradictions always presented by Indian politics were never more apparent than they are to-day. On the one hand the Congress Party, still the most powerful political organisation in the country, continues to refuse co-operation with the Government and to oppose and boycott the organisation of resistance to tyrannies which its leaders have unsparingly condemned. The All-India Moslem League, second only to the Congress in numbers and its equal in organisation, declines to cooperate with the Government unless they fall in with its scheme of dividing India into "two nations," a Hindu Hindustan and a Moslem Pakistan—a programme which no student of Indian history, and indeed no Indian patriot, can regard without the gravest misgiving. As if this were not enough, the Mahasabha Party, which represents the conservative Hindus of the higher castes, now comes along with an appeal to Hindus to join the fighting services, not because of a deep sense of the importance of this war to India, but because alarm has developed at the military training being acquired by Indians of the Muslim faith. Regarded from the political angle the picture is gloomy enough to arouse serious misgivings. Yet it does not reproduce all the facts of the situation. The wheels of Government turn without interruption; the Indian war-effort expands daily with the support of those supposed to be the chief allies of the Congress; the Princes and notables of the land are aiding the Raj in every possible way. It is impossible to resist the conclusion that there is a certain unreality in the attitudes of the chief Indian party leaders.

Certainly there are increasing signs that thoughtful elements in India recognise this, and are becoming increasingly critical of the policy followed by Mr. Gandhi and until recently by Mr. Jinnah. Mr. Gandhi, having ordered some 3,000 prominent members of his party to defy the law and insist on being imprisoned by a reluctant Government, is more than ever a dictator; yet it is significant that part of the pro-Congress Press, led by "The Hindu," is becoming increasingly critical of his policy.



STEP BY STEP

The Fatal Years

Several books have been written about those momentous years in which Hitler built up his power. The diary of William Dodd who was the United States Ambassador between 1933 and the close of 1937, gives a particularly vivid and illuminating picture. Dodd was a cultivated man, an historian, holding liberal and democratic views, and his comments and descriptions show that he was a man of insight who es-

caped the illusions that blinded so many of his contemporaries. His liberal views were displayed in his criticism of the fiscal policy of the United States—"Nations cannot set up hard and fast barriers," he said, "and then expect payment of international debts"—and in his strong regrets that President Wilson had failed to persuade his countrymen that the United States should join the League of Nations. His democratic views were displayed in his criticisms of the habits and conventions of diplomacy.

"The Louis VIX and Victoria style and times had passed. The nations of the world were bankrupt, including our own. It was time to cease grand style performances. . . . I urged the necessity of having ambassadors and assistants who knew the history and traditions of the countries to which they were sent, men who think of their own country's interest, not so much about a different suit of clothes each day."

It is important, when we reflect on the disastrous failure of the civilised world to protect itself from the growing peril in Germany, to note how its diplomatic arrangements struck this observant man.

Hitler Wiles

These pages bring out clearly the success of Hitler in drawing Germans, even sceptical and hostile Germans, into his orbit.

Professors and scientists who used at first to come to Dodd to air their dislike of the Nazi regime gradually became less hostile and then actual sympathisers. Hitler tried his wiles on Dodd, going so far on one occasion, when they were driving together, as to make his chauffeur stop and tear down incendiary posters against the Jews. Dodd understood him, and never fell into the illusion, from which some of his diplomatic colleagues suffered, that he was at heart a man of peace who had no ambitions that threatened Europe. Dodd described him in March, 1934, as being sincere in his talk of peaceful purposes, with the reservation that he wanted peace on his own terms, and that those terms included the domination of Europe. He has shrewd and vivid pictures of Hitler, Goebbels, and Goering, whom he aptly compares with the ruthless buccaneers in Roman politics. His account of Goering's hospitality first in the woods of the National Park, with bison and little wild horses, then at the sham medieval house he built for his hunting lodge, recalls the extravagancies by which Potemkin used to amuse the Empress Catherine when travelling in Russia.

Weak Defences

It is easy to see from the conversations described in these pages how weak were the defences of the civilised world against this new power. It should have been obvious from the first that the other nations must combine in defence of their principles. But this they could not do. Even Britain and the United States could not always recognise their common interest. In December, 1933, Dodd found from conversations with Sir Eric Phipps that Britain was less ready than the United States to oppose Japanese aggression in the Far East. The difference between France and Britain over Italy was described in a statement by Armand Berard, whom Dodd described as an intimate friend of the French Ambassador.

"France is perturbed, especially at England's acceptance of Hitler's promises as sincere. We cannot believe he is pacific, but the French people will not go to war. We made a pact with Italy last year, much as we disliked Mussolini, simply to stop German aggression, and we had to promise him the annexation of Abyssinia. I hope Mussolini has sense enough to annex a little of the country at a time, as we did in Morocco. We have urged that upon the Italians. They may not observe this and precipitate trouble."

Not Taken In

Berard went on to give Dodd a piece of news. "Laval, our Foreign Minister, wishes to come here and talk with Hitler. My Ambassador is leaving for Paris to-night in order to stop this, if possible. We do not think any agreement with Germany can be made."

Another incident recorded in this book has a topical interest. In May, 1935, when Dodd thought Hitler was tricking England, with disastrous consequences, he said that however earnest and emphatic Hitler was in his professions of goodwill he was not taken in by them. Hitler had once told him that he "would throw any German official into the North Sea if he sent propaganda to the United States," and to strengthen the impression of his sincerity he had an order forbidding such propaganda to be cabled to German officials.

"But there are 600 employees in the foreign propaganda division now active in Berlin, nor was there any let-up in the United States in 1934, although perhaps for a time the consuls suspended activity." Dodd left full of gloom, certain that there was no hope unless the Powers of Europe were united and strongly armed to resist this ruthless Power.

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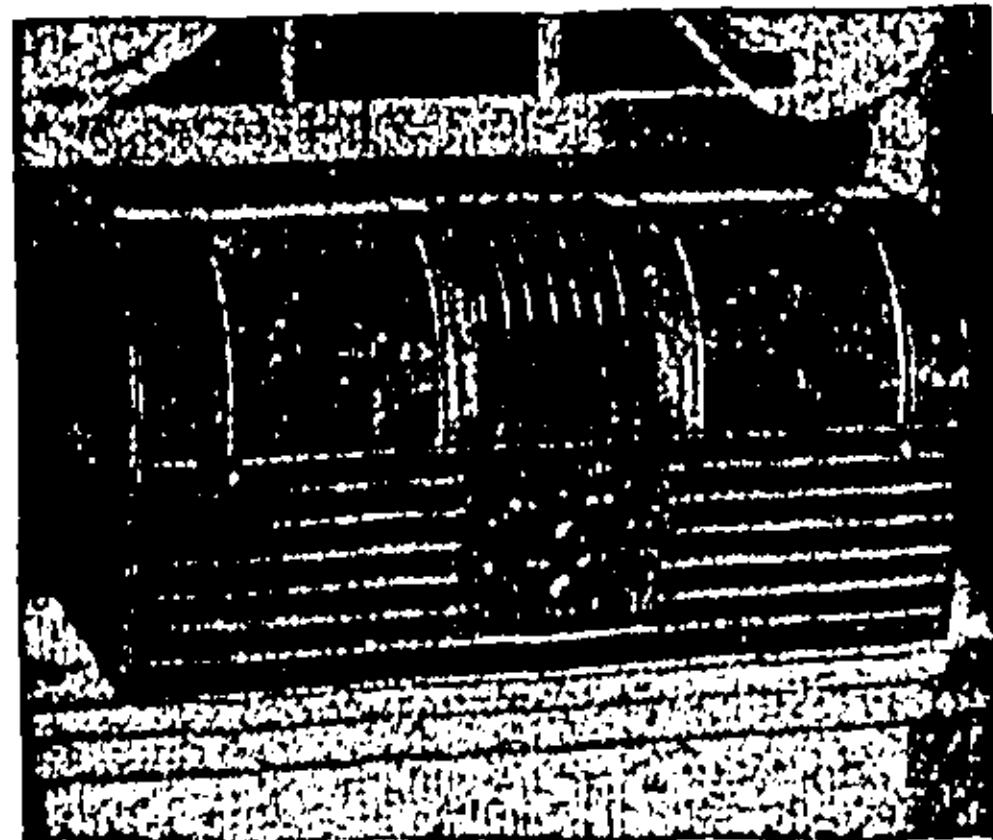
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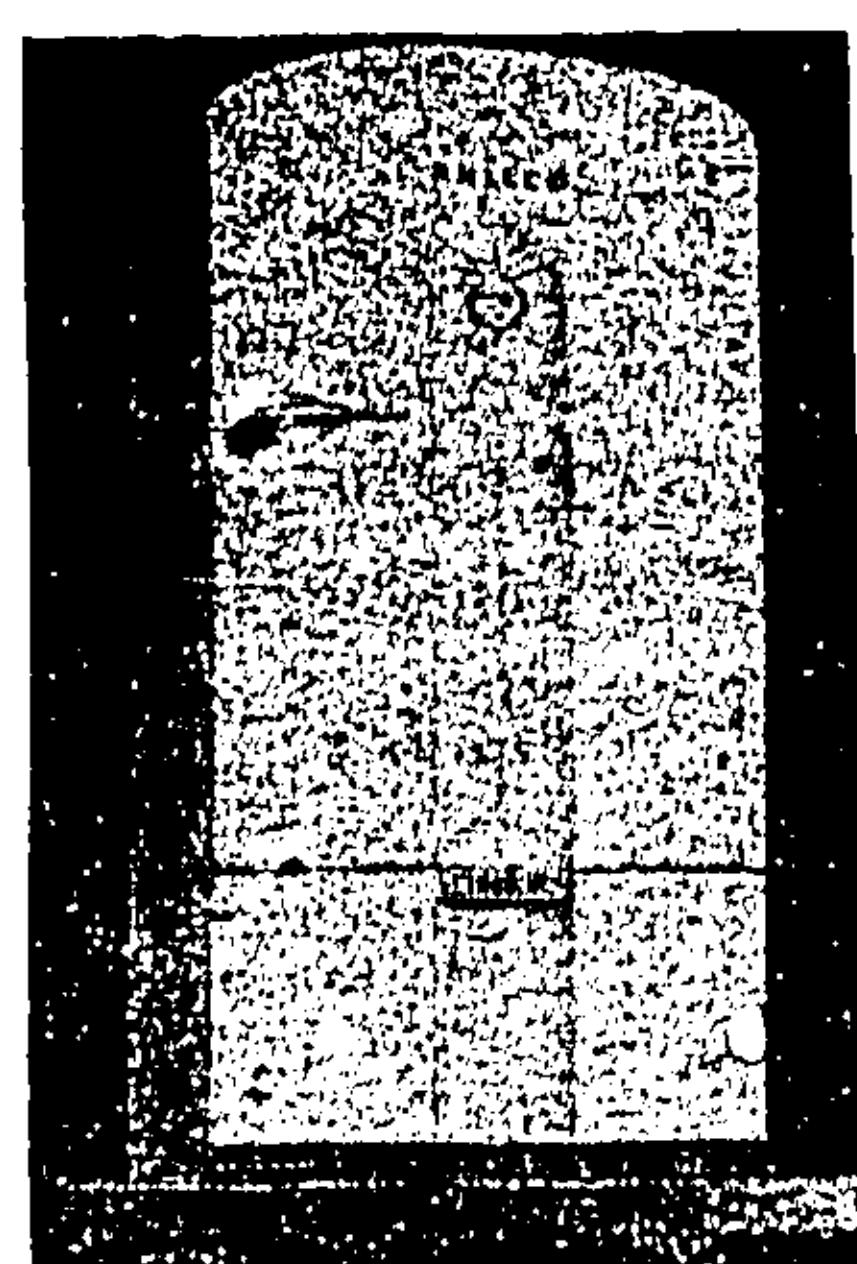
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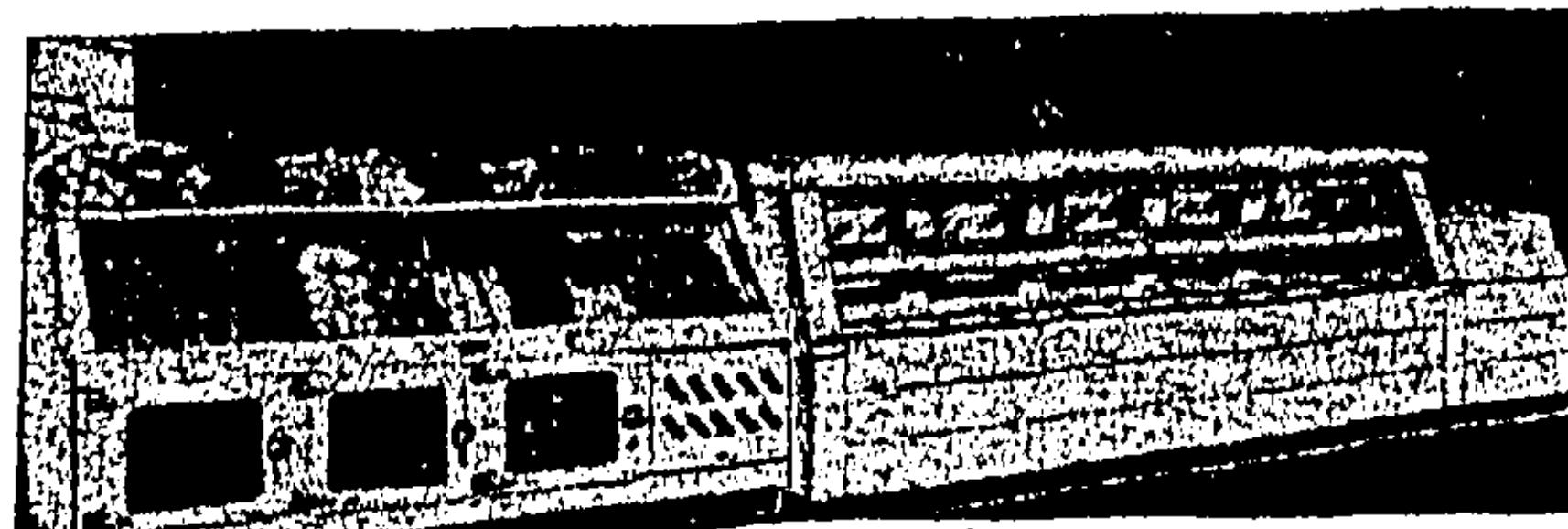
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Strasser Thinks Army-Nazi Rift Drove Hess Out

"THE MONTREAL HERALD" quoted Otto Strasser, leader of the anti-Nazi "Black Front," in a copyrighted interview as saying the flight of Deputy Fuehrer Rudolf Hess from Germany to Scotland seemed to indicate that the chiefs of the German Army and Reich Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering were seeking to overthrow the Nazi party.

"Within one hour of the accession of Goering to power, Goebbels (Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda Minister) and Heinrich Himmler (chief of the Gestapo, or secret police) would be shot dead," Strasser, one of the founders of the Nazi party, was quoted as saying. "That is why Hess, in my opinion, fled for his life."

Goering, Strasser said, is closer to the Prussian Army and leading industrialists than any one else in Germany. Hess, on the other hand, had always been Fuehrer Adolf Hitler's closest and most trusted friend and a party leader with Hitler and Himmler.

Strasser, who fled Germany in 1931 after a break with Hitler, added that between Goering and Hitler, Hess, Goebbels and Himmler, "the most intense jealousy is evident."

"This is not a new story," he went on. "It is an old story to those who have known Rudolf Hess — and I have known him for twenty years. . . . The background of this schism between Goering and the army group and Hitler, Hess and Himmler — the three H's we call them in Germany — is the same background to-day.

Indication Of Unrest

"All is not so well in Germany as people would think. Within that country there is unrest. And this sudden and spectacular escape of one of Hitler's most trusted lieutenants is an indication of that unrest."

Strasser also expressed conviction that Hitler would attempt an invasion of Great Britain — "even if it means not only the destruction of the German Army but his own suicidal death." Strasser suggested the following programme for German defeat:

1. Anti-Hitler propaganda among prisoners of war.

2. An organisation to propagate German nationalism within the United States and South America.

3. Fomenting internal unrest within Germany and German-occupied territories by means of short-wave radio stations, pamphlets and parachutists.

4. Creation of an independent and democratic "Free German Legion."

5. Creation of an authoritative German National Council including Bruening, Treviranus, Rauschmann, Thomas Mann, Sollmann, Holtemann and Otto Strasser.

[All these men are now in exile, either in Britain, Canada or the United States. Heinrich Bruening was formerly Chancellor of the German Republic. Dr. F. Wilhelm Sollmann, former Secretary of the Interior in pre-Hitler Germany, is now a member of the faculty of Pendle Hill, Quaker school at Wallingford, Pa. Thomas Mann was exiled for his writings. Gottfried R. Treviranus was a German political leader before the Nazi party came to power.]

2 ME'S AND CHARLIE

Two Me. 109s tried to bump off Charlie Taylor and two pals at sea recently.

Neither Charlie nor his pals were hurt.

"And they were not discouraged. They had some fish to catch. They caught them and returned to a south-east port."

Charlie, who is sixty-eight, has seven sons serving Britain. He said:

"It's the third time now they have gunned me. A few weeks ago, when they attacked the same boat, they killed one of my companions."

He auctioned the boat's catch, then went off to prepare for another trip.

BRITISH VIOLIN STRINGS FOR KREISLER

Kreisler, Suggia, Marie Hall, and many other famous violinist or cellist, will in future use strings made from the gut of Scottish or Welsh sheep instead of from Italian sheep.

The reason is that the man who makes their strings, James Kelly Toms, unable to obtain supplies of the Italian gut, has worked out a new process which will render instrument strings from the "home-made" sheep almost as serviceable.

For nearly 50 years Mr. Toms has been making violin strings in his modest workshop in the Somerset country town of Wellington.

Here, in the shadow of the Quantocks, come letters and cablegrams from musicians all over the world ordering strings for violins that have cost thousands of pounds.

The blockade, which has put many German and Italian firms of instrument string makers out of business, has brought him new customers.

FORGIVEN BY CABLE

A dramatic cable "forgiving wife everything" from her soldier husband interned in Switzerland was read at Chester recently when a charge of attempted murder against Mrs. Charlotte Eleanor Hopkins of St. Martin's Ash was withdrawn.

Mrs. Hopkins then pleaded guilty to ill-treating her seven-year-old daughter Pauline. It was stated that she attempted to administer iodine to the child.

In his cable the husband said: "Forgiving wife everything, Prepared to swear on oath she was always splendid and conscientious and loving mother. My earnest wish that broadest view of case be taken to enable wife to make fresh start."

Dr. Cormack said that the woman was anxious about her husband, and had also worried over the death of her other child in December. She had been depressed and admitted misconduct with another man.

Mrs. Hopkins, who was bound over, undertook to live with relatives for three months.

"DIDN'T THINK ABOUT IT"

For a fortnight fifteen-year-old Doris Frost and eighteen-year-old Joan Frost — they are not related — stuck to their telephone switchboard posts at Tottenham, Ns. Ford Control Office while a live A.A. shell was being removed from beneath their office floor where it had burrowed.

The Food Control Committee commended them recently and disclosed that only a thin wall separated the shell from the two girls.

Said Doris: "Why, we didn't even think about it."

UNITED IN EXILE

A married aliens camp is to be opened in Port St. Mary, Isle of Man, to accommodate 250 families, mostly German Jews.

CLIMBED INTO TAXI-ING 'PLANE

Further details of the daring rescue of a British pilot from an enemy aerodrome by a colleague flying a single-seater fighter were made known by the Air Ministry.

The incident occurred after Diredawa aerodrome, Abyssinia, had been attacked by a South African squadron, which destroyed at least 10 Italian planes.

The rescued pilot, a D.F.C. captain, said: "I was forced to land and was just going to set fire to my machine when I noticed another pilot of my flight firing at enemy troops to keep them away from me. I never dreamed he would land, for anti-aircraft guns were firing at him continuously.

"When I saw he had landed I ran as fast as I could and climbed on the plane, clinging to his shoulders as he taxied along, with the Italians firing at us all the time. Eventually we made a pretty good take-off."

All the rescuer would say was: "It wasn't very comfortable with two of us in the cockpit."

JUNKERS REFUSE A FIGHT

Two Junkers 87 dive-bombers appeared at a town on the South Coast. They flew at a considerable height along the front, possibly looking for some objective to attack.

A Westland Lysander Army cooperation aircraft happened to be cruising in the same area. It is not a type well suited to making attacks on enemy dive-bombers, and it was at a tactical disadvantage as it was much lower than the German planes.

Nevertheless, it climbed strongly and attempted to engage the two enemy aircraft. It got nearly within range and began firing. The two bombers immediately made off towards the coast of France.

NEW SECRET DEFENCE DEVICES ARE SUCCESS

In the last British invasion manoeuvres completely new means of detecting enemy forces were extremely successful.

The existence of new British secret means of defence in case of invasion was reported in the B.B.C. broadcast for the German forces.

140 BRITONS DIED IN SIX WEEKS IN FRENCH CAMP

OF 4,000 BRITISH WOMEN, children and elderly men arrested by the Germans in various parts of occupied France and interned in the barracks at Besancon, 140 died during the first six weeks.

This information was given by the American-born widow of an Englishman who was recently released.

It is believed that about 1,000 British subjects are still detained at Besancon, which is in the Department of Doubs, in Eastern France.

A Nazi "Reprisal"

The arrests were made as a so-called reprisal for the detention of certain Nazi women in Britain.

The informant gave a grim picture of conditions in the barracks.

Her English husband lay dying in hospital in Brittany when she and her young daughter were taken to Besancon. Her husband died while she was in the camp. She was not allowed to send or receive letters, and she did not learn of his death until a fortnight after it occurred.

Eventually she secured the release of herself and her daughter by reassuming American citizenship.

Indication Of Unrest

"We arrived at Besancon barracks to find that the soldiers had moved out only a few days before, leaving the place in a filthy condition," she said. "Some of the women brought children with them to the camp. Others had been forced to leave behind babies less than a year old.

"Living conditions were shocking with sanitation non-existent. We were packed together in dormitories with scarcely room to move between the beds. Some women slept in two-tier beds one above the other."

"Breakfast consisted of coffee substitute, and the mid-day meal of soup made from potatoes and mangolds, with occasionally small pieces of meat floating in it."

No Table Utensils

"When we first arrived there were no table utensils of any kind. We collected a few old pots from the rubbish dump. With these one woman from each group had to join the kitchen queue at meal times."

"A panful of soup was brought back to the dormitory, where we had three or four spoons for each 12 internees. We sat around the pot taking it in turn to eat a few spoonfuls. It was only later that plates were provided."

"After the first six weeks the Germans began to release invalids, mothers with young babies at home, and certain national categories such as Australians and Irish. Altogether I believe about two-thirds of those originally arrested were released."

NAZIS FEAR BRITISH FIRE BOMBS

Hungarians returning to Budapest from the Leipzig Fair say the new British incendiary bombs are greatly feared in Germany.

Films are being shown to teach people how to deal with the fire bombs, but the methods depicted are said to be useless.

The current joke in Germany is: "Have you read the new book by Keitel, 'Seven Years' Blitzkrieg against England?!"

Throughout the country Italy is now referred to as occupied territory, and the greeting "Hell Hitler is now generally dispensed with, say the Hungarians.

VILLA FOR AIR MARSHAL BOYD

News of Air Marshal O. T. Boyd's life as a prisoner-of-war in Italy has been received from a British airman, who is acting as his servant.

The Marshal was captured by the Italians when flying to the Middle East to take up an appointment last winter. His plane made a forced descent in Sicily.

In a letter home from a camp at Sulmona, about 80 miles east of Rome, Leading Aircraftman Arnold McWhinnie, whose mother lives in the Isle of Man, states:

"Air Marshal Boyd arrived at Sulmona on Christmas Eve and, being the equivalent of a General in the army, is well looked after.

"They gave him a posh villa,

formerly owned by a nobleman,

and also sent two Air Force sergeants to look after him.

One sergeant is the cook, the other a kind of butler, and I am a butler-cum-valet to the Marshal and his A.D.C. As we were bearded and wearing Italian clothes, the Marshal and his A.D.C. believed we were Italian soldiers.

"It was very amusing when they found out we were British. It happened when I was serving dinner on the first night.

Perfect English

"I had not previously spoken to them, and when I eventually did say something to the A.D.C., he turned to the Marshal in amazement and said: 'Doesn't the man speak perfect English, Sir? I told them I was a British airman, and didn't they laugh!'

SOUND NERVES IN BRITAIN

Surprisingly good health and wonderful nerves is the summarised verdict on Britain in war-time brought back to work for insufficient reasons or neglect their work in other ways, may have the hours thus wasted deducted from their holidays; and, later, fines or prison sentences.

Not only had there not been any epidemics in England, he said, but influenza was less prevalent than in the United States.

The British character, he considered, was the chief factor enabling the nation's inhabitants to pull through repeated air raids without appreciable effect on their nerves. There were very few cases of shellshock.

Dr. Parran praised highly health and sanitary measures adopted in air-raid shelters, correcting the impression prevalent in the United States that they were bad.

There was not any shortage of hospital beds, but the hospitals "could use some of our American doctors," Dr. Parran declared.

CONFERENCE ON NAUGHTY CHILDREN

Police chiefs, magistrates, education directors and welfare workers recently met at the Home Office to discuss ways of keeping naughty children out of mischief.

Since war began there has

NURSES AID BOMBED SISTERS

Nurses at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, are raising money to send to nurses in Britain who have either been left homeless or have lost all they possessed through German bombing.

"WORKSHY PLAGUE" IN GERMANY

The labour problem in Germany becomes more and more acute as the war goes on.

German women who were promised a quiet home life under the Nazi regime are forced to go to the factories.

A new decree issued by the Reich Ministry of Labour introduced a 56-hour week for women in factories instead of 48 hours. Housewives with large families are being mobilised for half-day work.

"Plague" Is Spreading

There are clear signs in the German Press that the workers do not aim for higher wages by working overtime, because the money does not buy anything except rationed goods, which are available in comparatively small quantities.

"The plague of being workshy" is spreading (according to the "Hutten Zeitung," the organ of the German heavy industries) to all industrial centres in Germany and workers are regularly leaving their jobs without cause.

The Reich Trustee for Public Service has decreed that factory workers who stay away from work for insufficient reasons or neglect their work in other ways, may have the hours thus wasted deducted from their holidays; and, later, fines or prison sentences.

Stricter Measures

The decree has, however, not stopped workers from leaving their work and the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" has now again taken the matter up in a leading article. The paper points out that, in future, it will be necessary to employ stricter measures to prevent neglect of work in view of the great shortage of labour. The article explains that after a further warning there may be prosecution, protective custody or detention in an educational labour camp."

The paper adds that the "educational working camp" has never yet failed to achieve its purpose. "Workshy people" must know that they will be proceeded against with the greatest severity, so that everybody is made aware of the necessity of an iron discipline.

been a steep rise in the number of child offenders, which has put a great strain on accommodation in remand homes.

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BRIDGE NOTES

SHABBY SUITS

By The Four Aces

"I am struck," writes Alfred F. Parker, of Portland, Oregon, "by the frequency with which game can be made with two relatively shabby four-card suits when more impressive holdings fail. Here is a case in point:

North, Dealer
North-Scuth vulnerable

NORTH	
♦ K 8 7 5	
♥ A K 9 8 7	
♦ —	
♣ A Q 7 6	

WEST	EAST
♦ Q J 10	♦ 3 2
♥ 5 3	♥ Q J 10 6
♦ K 6 5	♦ A Q J 10 7
♣ 9 8 4 3 2	♣ K 5

SOUTH	
♦ A 9 6 4	
♥ 4 2	
♦ 9 8 4 3 2	
♣ J 10	

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Dbl.	Pass	2♣
Dbl.	2♦	2♦	Pass
	Pass		Pass

4♦

"West led a diamond. Declarer ruffed in dummy and entered his hand with the Ace of trumps. He then led a club and let it ride. East took the club King and returned a trump to dummy's King. "Declarer entered his hand with his remaining club and went back to dummy with a heart to cash his high clubs, on which he let go two diamonds. He next cashed dummy's top heart and ruffed a low heart. West over-ruffed, but South made his ninth and tenth tricks with ruffs.

"The curious thing is that game can be made only at spades!"

We thoroughly agree with Mr. Parker's observations. Besides presenting a well played hand as an example, he has made a point which is often overlooked. A shabby four-card suit may not look particularly attractive by itself; but it is usually an ideal trump suit if partner has a similar holding. One of the aims of modern expert bidding is to reach games which can be made in such suits; and this aim is furthered by avoiding restrictions on the biddability of four-card suits.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♦ A J 9 8	
♥ J 7 4	
♦ A 6 3	
♣ J 9 4	

The bidding:

Maler	Jacoby	You	Schenken
1♦	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. Your partner has three spades to an honour and is giving you the choice between three no-trump and four spades. Since you can see no advantage in playing the hand at spades, you choose the no-trump game.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 30% for pass, 20% for four spades.

Question No. 745.

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♦ A 10 6 5	
♥ 9 4	
♦ K 8 4 2	
♣ J 7 4	

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maler
1♦	Pass	1♦	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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Allegation At Court-Martial

Forty-six charges, including allegations of conspiracy, embezzlement, forgery and uttering forged documents, were denied at a general court-martial at Leeds, by Major John Vernon Gibson, 47, the Duke of Wellington's Regt., commanding officer of a technical training group.

The money said to be involved amounts to about £400, and the charges relate chiefly to alleged catering, transport, and billeting frauds. The trial is expected to last six days.

It was stated that Major Gibson was a Regular officer of many years' standing, having been promoted from the ranks in 1914.

Capt. M. Rogers, prosecuting officer, said the official allowance for dinner was 1s. 2d. a man, but Major Gibson, it was alleged, arranged with caterers for dinner at 1s. 1d. a head. The caterers were paid the lower figure and Gibson obtained the higher rate from the Army paymaster.

It was stated that Gibson engaged his daughter on the clerical staff, but she appeared in the office only in the afternoons, yet she figured on the pay sheet as a full-time employee, and also for overtime.

Another allegation related to a Mrs. Sarah Dockyard, whom the Major was said to have met on a bus and later engaged as a typist. Evidence would be given, said Capt. Rogers, that Mrs. Dockyard could not use a typewriter.

Another group of charges related to travelling expenses, and it was alleged that in some cases Gibson conspired with certain non-commissioned officers and that latterly some of these officers had shared in the money obtained.

The hearing was adjourned.



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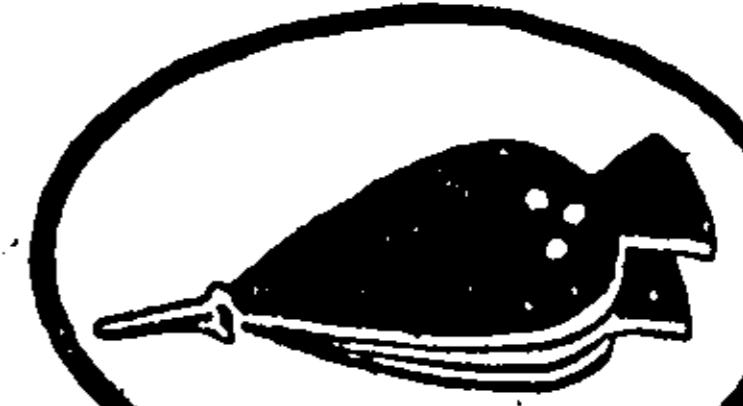
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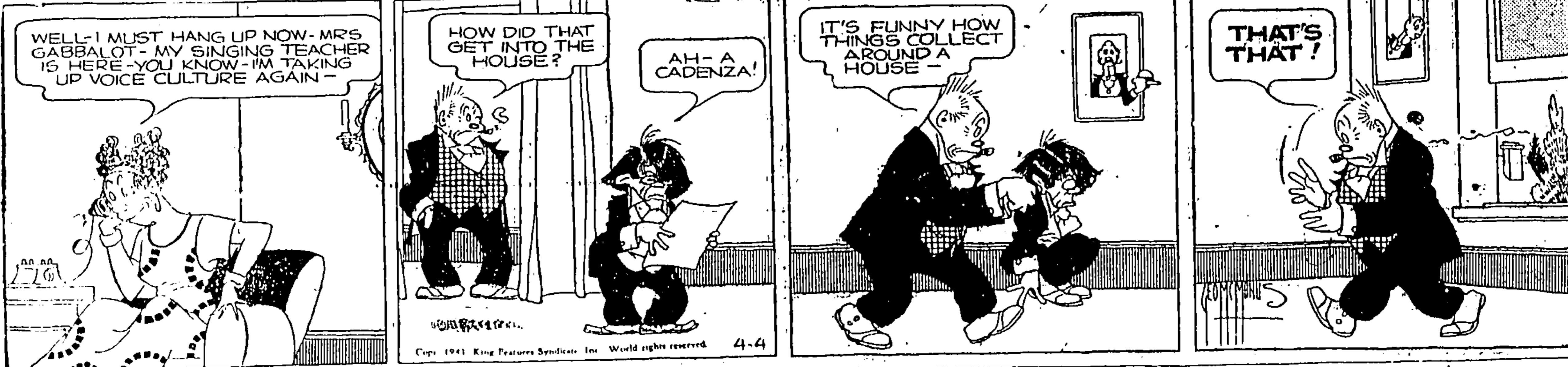
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Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Children Aren't Born Criminals

What does the War mean to children?

Monica Pearson has been talking to Magistrates, who sit in Juvenile Courts, to Probation Officers and Social Workers in many parts of Britain. She tells here some of the facts and opinions she has learnt about the Children who have been hit by the War.

"We are breeding a race of young criminals." This was the openly expressed verdict of the Recorder, Mr. Noel B. Goldie, K.C., M.P., at the Manchester Quarter Sessions recently.

Certainly the figures on the calendar presented to him were sufficiently grim to excuse a hint of pessimism. There were 62 cases, and apart from three, the whole of the offences had been committed by young men under the age of 25, the majority being youths between 17 and 20.

Elsewhere the report of the Chief Constable of Liverpool shows that the number of juveniles proceeded against for larcenies and breakings-in during the fourth quarter of 1940 was the highest on record.

Without going into further figures, I can say that in almost every part of the country there is an increase in figures for delinquency among juveniles and adolescents. Sometimes the rise is a steep one. There are, moreover, restlessness and difficulties in approved schools on an unprecedented scale. There is a vast increase in the number of girls, some of them as young as 12 years, drifting into society and circumstances fraught with grave moral danger.

I have talked to men and women who are in close touch with this most urgent problem. I have spoken to probation officers, school teachers, school psychologists, Magistrates, heads of approved schools, medical men and policemen.

I have sat in juvenile courts, toured evacuation and reception areas, schools and shelters.

As a result, I am firmly convinced that there is a solution.

I do not quarrel with the harsh phraseology of Manchester's Recorder. Unless facts are stated somewhat violently, due attention will not be paid to their urgency.

Rival Cures

But when he states, "The position is appalling in the middle of a war like this," I must take exception. I would say, rather, that the position is inevitable in a war like this—unless we extend and adjust certain social services.

Our main concern should be, not to hold up hands of horror and say, "Tut, tut, how shocking!" but that we should tackle the problem in the right way.

There are three schools of thought. At one end is the "Bless 'em all" attitude of aged Magistrates, often infirm, frequently deaf, and at times in their dotage, at whose nursery rebukes the young sinners in juvenile courts, barely repress their contemptuous sniggers.

At the other extreme is the "Flog 'em all" school.

In between are those who have made the whole question their life's work and study, and who have many concrete proposals to put forward.

Angered Police

Actually, one set of extremists helps to produce the other. I sat in our Juvenile court recently, where an 80-year-old chairman, no doubt benevolent, kind and worthy, addressed one youngster after another in terms so unimpressive—even though interspersed with legal terms that no youngster would ever understand—that

the children left the court with an air of triumph.

Local police, who had spent much time and trouble in following up the cases, were exasperated. A burly inspector murmured in my ear that a few good sound thrashings would soon put a stop to these cases.

He pointed out to me one boy whom he described as a "thorough bad 'un." Perhaps he was, and if I had been the inspector and he had looked at me with that air of cheeky triumph, I, too, might have felt exasperated.

But he was a boy of fine physique and good mentality, a lively and too active child. A thrashing certainly wouldn't turn him into a good boy, but the right supervision, training and full occupation might make him into a fine citizen.

Mercifully, the court boasted an elderly probation officer of great experience and much wisdom to counteract the futility of

By Monica Pearson

the Magistrates and the somewhat crude outlook of the police.

But taking the same view as the burly inspector, and with considerably less excuse, are such bodies as the Nottingham Education Committee, whose members were reported to have been so alarmed at the misdemeanour of boys that they sent a letter to the local Magistrates asking them to use the birch more frequently!

Please note this phrase! They don't ask even for the birch to be used for certain types of certain offences, but just "more frequently." The "Flog 'em all" school definitely.

War Courses

Here are briefly the principal causes of the increase in delinquency figures for which these worthies believe that the birch is the one infallible cure:

First, evacuation, and under this heading come disruption of social services (redistribution of the child population was not followed by adequate redistribution of these services), unsuitable billeting, violent change in surroundings and background leading to instability and nervous troubles, half-time school resulting in far too much undirected leisure, break up of the family unit.

Then there are the fatherless homes. Father's dictatorship often has to do duty for good training, and when the dictatorship is withdrawn, John and Jane proceed to run amok.

Most potent cause is the black-out with its opportunities for crime and theft, its effect in closing clubs and holding up the work of evening institutes.

Important, too, is the shelter where young people can not only escape from parental or other control, but where they can, and do, find refuge when they abscond from home and Approved School.

Then, alas, the army has claimed some of the most important social service workers in the country. N.S.P.C.C. inspectors, boys' club leaders, school-masters and others, whose places cannot possibly be filled adequately in a short space of time, were not scheduled among those in reserved occupations.

The N.S.P.C.C. has lost 80 inspectors. It was their job to see that homes do not develop into breeding grounds for juvenile delinquency.

Another exceedingly important factor is the reduction in accommodation in Approved Schools. For some years there has been an urgent need for more accommodation because of the realisation that an increase in prevention means a decrease in prison population.

After-Care

Evacuation of schools and the call-up of schoolmasters has greatly increased the urgency of that need.

It has meant that all terms of commitment both for Borstal and for Approved Schools have to be shortened, which, as any good head will tell you, may lead not only to the failure of the effort to reclaim the individual, but to the spread of delinquency.

Here's a concrete instance. A lad, with a bad previous record, was recently released after only seven months in Borstal. He immediately organised fellow-shelterers to steal cars and break into premises, and became the "brains" of a gang of youths.

Mr. H. E. Norman, secretary of the Probation Officers' Association and one of the foremost authorities on juvenile problems in the country, writes in "Probation": "This resort to rapid turn-over in re-education is likely to produce new difficulties in the after-care question.

"After-care, for the duration of the war and for many years after, will have to be regarded as a specialised form of social work . . ." He adds a proposal for pooling after-care work with the appointment of whole-time regional social workers "without delay."

Sex Offences

Also concerned is the matron of a girls' home in the Midlands, a woman superbly successful with her very human and progressive methods and pioneer treatment. Girl delinquents are sent to her when other methods fail.

For almost the first time in her difficult but brilliant career she is, she confessed to me, troubled and depressed.

"I am having far too many girls absconding, and where we had formerly a collection of girls with a variety of offences, we are now having a great many of one type, sex types. It's the general unrest, weakening of parental control, and, above all, the glamour of uniform.

"The influence of the absconders—they can always take refuge in shelters in war time—is a menace to the rest of the school work. There should be a separate school for such girls.

"Then, too, there should be separate treatment for girls who are emotionally and mentally unstable. Many of them are of average and even of high mental capacity, and should not be subjected to the same treatment as the mentally sub-normal."

Her girls, she told me, were too old for psychological treatment.

In connection with this it is of interest to note how evacuation has affected the psychological department of a city boasting one of the best educational systems in the country.

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Much of the trouble among adolescents, according to one probation officer, was the result of a determination to "have a final fling" before being called up for military service.

The same officer showed me how the figures in his area, which had shot up 100 per cent during the first winter of the

Responsibility

All these thinking, experienced people were agreed that the uncertainty, the disruption, the abnormality, the tension of life while the world is in the melting pot must have its effect on the youngsters, apart from the individual changes wrought in their own lives.

The glamour of uniforms has seized the imagination of the girls, the glamour of war has taken hold of the young boys.

We are responsible, not they. We have let civilisation drift back into barbarism. We have let the spirit of force and destruction creep onward until it has engulfed all existence.

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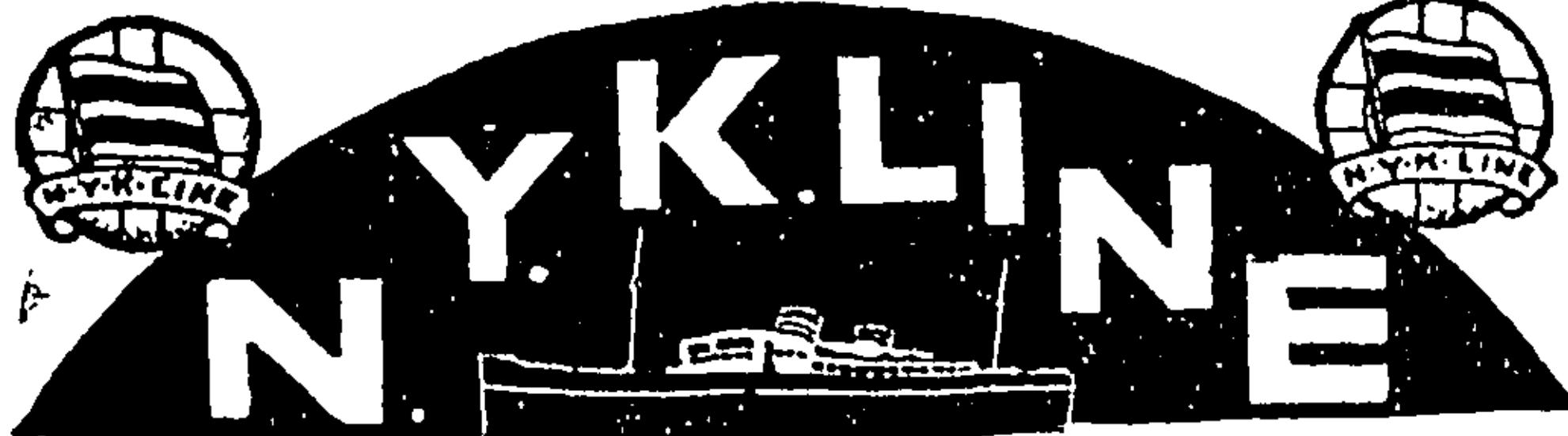
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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Billy Mayerl (Piano) and Orchestra.

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1.20 p.m.—Duologues by Arthur Askey and Richard Murdoch.

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1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Vaughan Williams.

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6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Nat Shilkret & His Orchestra and Ina Soucez (Soprano).

The Doll Dance (Brown) ... Nat Shilkret & his Orchestra; Love Everlasting (Friml) ... Ina Soucez (Soprano) with Orchestra; Flap-prette (Greer) ... Nat Shilkret & his Orchestra; I Want Your Heart (Haydn Wood) ... Ina Soucez (Soprano) with Orchestra; "Dollar Princess" ... Medley (Fall) ... Nat Shilkret & his Orchestra; Love, I Give You My All (from 'Luana'); Always (from 'Puritan Lullaby'—Dyreforth & Smith) ... Ina Soucez (Soprano) with Orchestra.

7.17 p.m.—Violin Solos.

Serenade (Arensky); Intermezzo (Mascagni)—from 'Cavalleria Rusticana' ... Albert Sammons with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore; Zapateado, Op. 23 (Sarasate); Hungarian Dance No. 7 in A Major (Brahms—Joachim) ... Yehudi Menuhin with Piano accomp. by Marcel Gazelle.

7.30 p.m.—Compositions of Purcell.

A Trumpet Voluntary (for Brass and Organ) ... Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra; Solo Trumpet: Alex. Harris; Organist: Harold Dawber; Nymphs and Shepherds ... Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Piano; Hornpipe in E Minor; Minuet; Cannaries; Hornpipe in D Major ... The Pipers' Guild Quartet. Passing By ... Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano accomp. Suite from Dido and Aeneas (Scored for Modern Orchestra by Calliet); Overture-Adagio: Allegro moderato—Tempo di Minuetto—Lento: Prelude for the Witches—Echo Dance of the Furies—Ritornelle—Prelude to Act 3—Recit. & Aria "When I am laid in earth" ... Eugene Ormandy & the Philadelphia Orch.

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8.30 p.m.—Mayerbeer—Ballet Suite "Les Patineurs".

Entre—Pas des Patineuses—Pas de Deux—Pas de Trois ... Sadler's Wells Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert.

8.40 p.m.—Studio — "Some British Poets" No. 3; Burns; Father T. Ryan; S.I.

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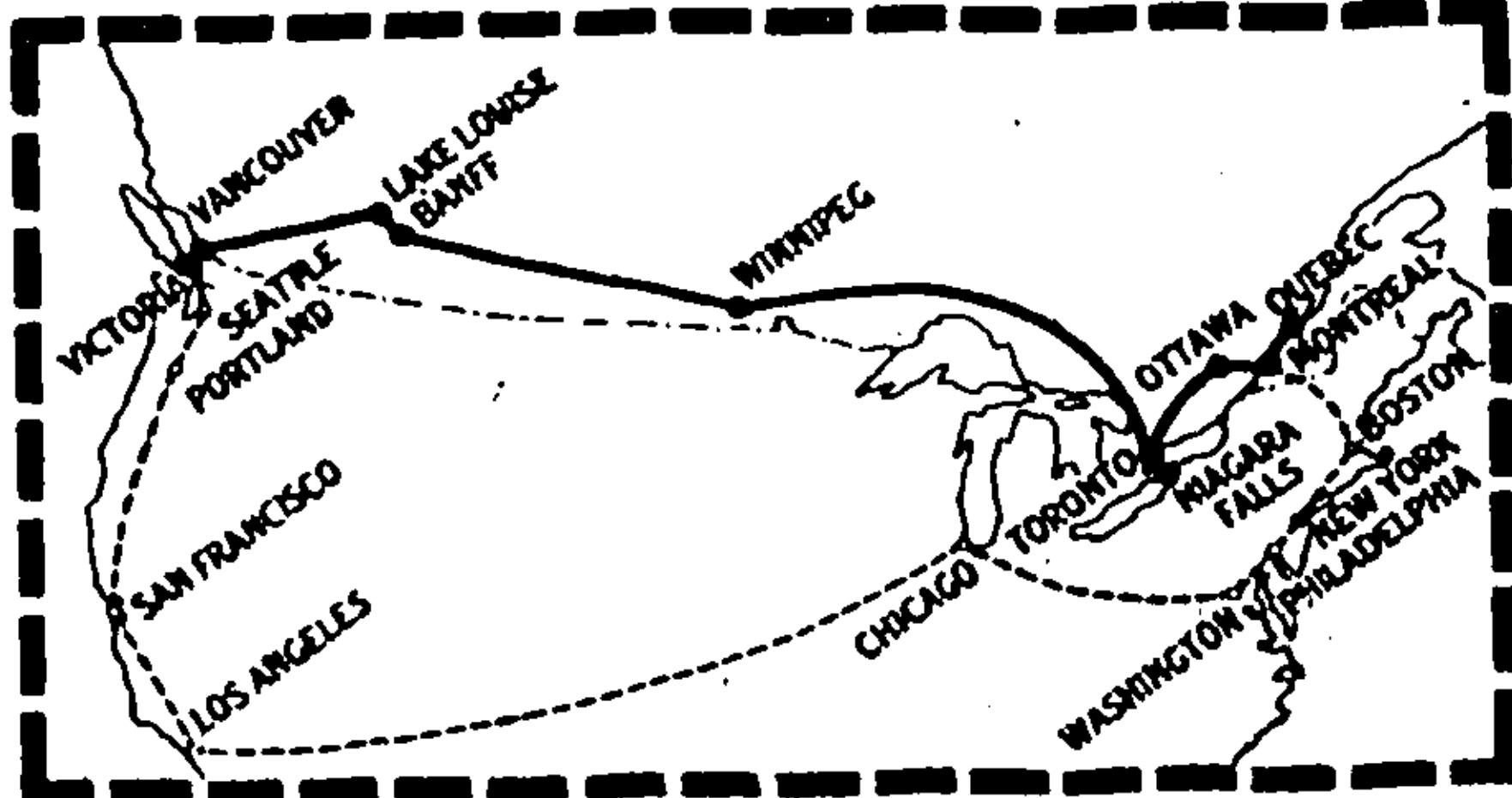
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8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.

8.30 p.m.—Mayerbeer—Ballet Suite "Les Patineurs".

Entre—Pas des Patineuses—Pas de Deux—Pas de Trois...Sadler's Wells Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert.

8.40 p.m.—Studio — "Some British Poets" No. 3; Burns; Father T. Ryan; S.I.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Announcements and Programme Summary.

9.02 p.m.—Music and Songs from the Films.

"The Star Maker"—An Apple for the Teacher ... Bing Crosby & Connie Boswell (Vocal); "Babes in Arms" ... I'm Just Wild About Harry ... Judy Garland (Vocal) with Orch.

"Down Argentine Way" — Two

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Slow Fox-Trot—I Won't Tell A Soul ... Roy Fox & his Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Birds of a Feather; It's Always You (both from 'The Road to Zanzibar')...Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra; Slow-Gitano—Ya No, Te Quiero; Paso-Doble—Coplas...Orchestra ... Manolo Bel Et Ses Muchachos; Fox-Trot—I Hear Blue Birds; Waltz—I'll Be Waiting For You...The Organ, The Dance Band and Me; Quickstep—Little Spanish Shawl; Li'l Liza Jane...Harry Roy & his Orchestra; Tangos—Love Has Entered My Heart; Farewell, My Love ... Robert Richard Dance Orchestra; Swing Fox-Trot—Coconut Grove; The Hour of Parting...Benny Goodman & his Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

Spanish Fantasy (Molto) ... Andres Molto & his Orchestra; Grand Viennese Opera Potpourri (arr. Robrecht) ... Grand Symphony Orchestra.

4.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave Only).

10.45 p.m.—The Gay Nineties Singers.

The One-Horse Shay (Trad.); Botany Bay (Trad.); Pretty Polly Perkins of Paddington Green (Trad.); Hot Codlings (Trad.).

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—Correspondence Column...Talk by Sidney Hornblow.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

ROAD DEATH OF A.T.S. COOK

Soldier Charged With Murder

William Thomas Flack, 21, a private in the Royal Corps of Signals, was at Chichester remanded, charged with the murder on the Chichester to Funtington road of Mrs. Lilian Margaret Welch, of the A.T.S.

Supt. Savage stated that Flack was arrested recently. A number of enquiries were made, and the matter was in the hands of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Asked if he had any objection to a remand, Flack replied, "No reason at all, sir."

Evidence, including that of Sir Bernard Spilsbury, given at the inquest on Mrs. Welch, pointed to the fact that she had been run down by a heavy motor vehicle and killed. An open verdict was returned.

Mrs. Welch was the wife of a gardener who lived a few miles from Chichester, and on the night of the tragedy she was cycling home alone from her work as an A.T.S. cook at a barracks.

PUT UP HIS COLLARS

George Taylor, a partner in the film of W. and G. Taylor, tailors, of Trinity Street, Cambridge, was fined £1 with three guineas costs at Cambridge for selling two collars at 1s. 6d. each, instead of 1s. 3d.



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TOWN MAKES ITS OWN NEWS REEL

(By A Special Correspondent)

OUT OF ITS POPULATION of 9,678 the little Lincolnshire town of Louth has 9,677 film actors. Odd man out is Mr. E. B. Rawlings, and he'd be in the picture, too, if he wasn't the cameraman.

For Louth has the distinction of its own exclusive news reels, bringing it in pictures all the news of its own little world. Trouble is that there isn't much of the stuff on which news reels are made in Louth. The last big happening there was the Flood—the town's own particular flood, which was front page news twenty-one years ago.

But Mr. G. H. Hallam and Mr. Rawlings of the Playhouse Cinema, make what they can of Mayor's Day, the presence of celebrities in the town and freak about him.

War Weapons Weeks has just come to their aid to provide them with real, live, uncensored news.

Portly Mr. Hallam shares in the camera work and provides the running commentary.

When a little comedy is indicated, he usually has to become an actor and supply the custard pie humour.

But Mr. Hallam has the last

laugh. His commentary varies with each performance. When he spots in the audience somebody who is also on the news reel, he makes a good-natured crack about him.

Disney Didn't Know

They have shown ambitious films, such as a "travel" film of local beauty spots and a "short" of activities in a day nursery.

The film was so popular that fans wrote to say that it was better than "Snow White," in the same programme. "We kept the news from Walt Disney," said Mr. Hallam, "but it was good to get our own fan mail."

Before Whitehall had had the idea, they had produced a film showing how to deal with an incendiary bomb.

They run a private service, which, for a minimum charge of thirty shillings, will provide husband and wife with a family film record guaranteed to give their grandchildren a bigger laugh than the silliest silly symphony of thirty years on.

"They steal," she added, "because they want money to buy pretty clothes to show off in front of their friends."

"Of all the offenders who passed through my hands I never met one who did not have much good in her. In many cases all they wanted was advice, a friend, and encouragement to go straight. "Women after release from prison have returned to thank me for my advice. Many of them are now married."

DEEP SHELTER "DEMORALISING"

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, speaking at Edinburgh said that deep shelters could be very demoralising, if not administered properly, because people would be afraid to come out. He had seen some very safe deep shelters in which the population had begun to live.

Mr. Morrison said that in his opinion and knowledge of Cabinet affairs Mr. Churchill's statements to Parliament on the war situation were fair and truthful. "He does not try to persuade the people that things are better than they are," Mr. Morrison added. "He does not believe in that. Nor does he try to depress them, but seeks to be honest and objective."

Mr. Churchill was a great war Prime Minister whom the nation obtained at the right moment, Mr. Morrison added. It was a pleasure to serve with him and under him.



DUST ON CARPET AS CLUE

Three men and a woman appeared at Greenwich police court on charges relating to a post office safe robbery at Algernon Road, Lewisham.

Joseph Collyer, 19, labourer, Mercy-terrace, Lewisham, and Frank Edwin Tolhurst, 18, railway employee, Harvard Road, Lewisham, were accused of stealing the safe, which, it was stated, contained cash, postal orders, and stamps to the value of £800. Charles Richard Allen, 36, foreman vanman and his wife, Daisy Violet Allen, 33, of Harvard Road, Lewisham, were charged with receiving the property. Mrs. Allen was stated to be Tolhurst's sister.

Det.-Insp. O'Sullivan said the Allens denied all knowledge of the robbery, but when he pointed to some dust on the carpet and suggested it looked like safe packing the man replied, "It was brought here by Frankie and his pal."

"VAIN WOMEN STEAL TO BUY PRETTY CLOTHES"

"Hundreds of women steal because of vanity," according to Mrs. Minnie Neve, Brighton's first woman police matron, who has retired after 14 years service.

"They steal," she added, "because they want money to buy pretty clothes to show off in front of their friends."

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OOLONG BEST CHINA PONY ON VIEW AT THE VALLEY

Then Comes O-Lan, Followed By Confusion Bay

BLUE FIELD MOST IMPROVED PONY IN THE FIRST HALF

By "Rapier"

HAVING DEALT WITH THE AUSTRALIAN PONIES IN MY LAST ARTICLE, I WILL NOW CONCLUDE MY REVIEW OF THE EXTRA RACE MEETINGS OF THE FIRST HALF OF THE 1941 RACING SEASON AT THE VALLEY WITH A FEW COMMENTS ON THE CHINA PONIES.

RECREIO LOSE TO INDIANS

In First Division of the Tennis League on Sunday, Indian R.C. beat Club de Recreio by 5½ sets to 3½.

S. A. and O. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)—
drew with H. N. Silva and H. F. Gonsalves 6-6
beat A. V. Remedios and J. B. Gonsalves 6-2
Gonsalves 6-2
beat W. A. Reed and H. A. Barros 6-3
A. H. Madar and H. D. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)—
beat Silva and Gonsalves 6-1
beat Remedios and Gonsalves 6-4
lost to Reed and Barros 1-6
A. R. Minu and I. M. A. Razack (I.R.C.)—
beat Silva and Gonsalves 6-4
lost to Remedios and Gonsalves 3-6
lost to Reed and Barros 1-6

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Third Division Tennis League pro-

gramme and some of the teams:—

C.D.R. v. K.I.T.C.

A.T.C. v. C.R.C. (2)

K.T.G.C.A. v. K.C.C.

C.R.C. (1) v. I.R.C.

H.K.U.T.C. v. S.C.A.A.

C.D.R.—H. A. Noronha and G. A. Noronha; F. J. Remedios and A. M. Silva; H. F. Gonsalves and A. E. Noronha.

K.T.G.C.A.—L. Chen and D. Kwok; A. H. Basto and K. M. Lee; S. Hsu and D. Chen.

I.R.C.—M. P. Madar and A. R. H. Esnall; M. A. Wahab and M. Hassan; A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell.

S.C.A.A.—J. Hsu and H. C. Kwok; K. H. Yip and S. Y. Lee; K. I. Chan and H. N. Wong.

H.K.U.T.C.—S. L. Yong and P. K. Hui; T. C. Lo and Yip Yee; K. Y. Tan and Paul Liu.

C.R.C. (1)—C. Wei and K. Lee; H. N. Chan and A. Lui; M. C. Tang and S. Y. Tong.

C.R.C. (2)—S. W. Wong and C. C. Luk; R. C. Ng and B. F. Choy; L. F. Hon and Y. Y. Lam.

K.I.T.C.—S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain; M. Singh and S. A. M. Seher; M. Ramzan and K. S. Mehal.

K.C.C.—N. J. Bebbington and K. H. Paterson; D. H. Hazell and D. Llewellyn; K. Kloss and A. L. Fisher.

In reviewing activities of the new griffins, China ponies, pride of place must inevitably be given OOLONG, belonging to Mr. T. K. Li. This pony appeared in five races and won four of them. Stakes money won amounted to \$7,681.00 — quite a substantial return against its original investment. After winning the Maiden Stakes, the Hong Kong Derby, under Mr. Needa, it went on to win the Hopeful Stakes with Mr. Sokoloff up, and then, ridden by Mr. Follock, veteran jockey, it lost narrowly to Velvetlight.

Oolong's next triumph—and in this I consider that it scored its best win—came in the Easter Stakes. Under the control of Mr. Needa, Oolong won by a head from its stable companion, Confusion Bay, in the record time of 1.49.3, beating Racylight's previous record by 4-2/5 secs.

Velvetlight Second Only To Oolong Among New Ponies

Oolong should remain supreme for some time to come, and in my estimation there is no other China pony capable of extending it.

VELVETLIGHT, belonging to the Cire Stable, is undoubtedly the next best pony. After running second in the Hong Kong Derby, it was the only pony which had a win against Oolong, and that was in the Tyro Stakes, over a mile. Velvetlight has since proved itself a pony to be reckoned with in the future. At the Second Extra Race Meeting, carrying top-weight of 159 lb, it won the Canton Handicap (first section) for "B" Class ponies over six furlongs, as a result of which it was immediately promoted to "A" Class. It gave a real glimpse of its true form in the Whitsun Plate, over 1½ miles, when it was beaten by O-Lan by only a neck in record time.

Starting Gate Problem

In order of merit, WORLD FAIR VIEW, belonging to Mr. Li Lan-sang, is the next best. During the course of the Annual Meeting it showed a distinct dislike to the starting gate, but once this fear was got under control this pony turned in some good performances. After winning the Racing Stakes, its improvement became more evident, so much so that, carrying 158 lb, it won the St. George's Plate at the Fourth Extra Meeting over 1½ miles in record time—2.23.0—beating the record previously set up by Navylight by 2-1/5 secs. In the Whitsun Plate it was expected to do well, but found O-Lan, Velvetlight and Confusion Bay too good.

WONDERFUL SCHEME, belonging to Kong Bros., won the Mirs Bay Stakes from the 1½ mile post at the Third Extra Meeting, and then went on to win the Lama Handicap (first section) at the Sixth Extra Meeting over a mile. On both occasions it was ridden by Mr. Craven, and in the latter race it led from start to finish to score a creditable win against Johnber and Avon, and pay out a dividend of \$82.00.

SO NICE did not start in the Annual Meeting, but came out under Mr. S. W. Tang in the Tyro Stakes over six



TO-DAY'S DERBY STARTERS

Following are the probable starters for the War Time Derby to-day:

Single Court (Cliff Richards), Royal Academy (Gethin), Cuerdley (Jones), Mazarin (Bartlam), Devonian (Perryman), Selim Hassan (Beery), Valdavian (Herbert), Starwort (Joe Taylor), Firozedin (Stephenson), Annatom (Arthur Wragg), Morogoro (Harry Wragg), Owen Tudor (Nevett), Thoroughfare (Sam Wragg), Chateau la Rose (Bridgland), Sun Castle (Pat Beasley), Orthodox (Dennis Smith), Ptolemy (Ephraim Smith), Camperdown (Lowrey), Lambert Simnel (Elliott), Sunny Island (Carey) and Fairy Prince (Line).—Reuter.

Lambert Simnel, owned by the Duke of Westminster, is the 5 to 1 favourite, while Mr. Harry Morris's Chateau la Rose is quoted at 100 to 9.

Final Call-Over

Following is the final call-over: 5—1 Lambert Simnel; 11—2 Sun Castle; 6—1, t and o Morogoro; 10—1, o 21—2, t Devonian; 100—9, o 100—8 t Chateau la Rose; 100—9, o 15—1 t Orthodox; 100—7, o Starwort; 100—6, o Thoroughfare; 18—1 Ptolemy; 20—1 Fairy Prince; 22—1, t and o Annatom; 22—1, o Camperdown; 25—1, t and o Cuerdley; 25—1, o 33—1, t Owen Tudor; 33—1, t and o Mazarin; 33—1, o Sunny Island; 40—1, t and o Royal Academy; 40—1, o Fettes; 50—1, o Va davian; 50—1, o Selim Hassan; 66—1, o Single Court; and 100—1, o Firozedin.—Reuter.

LAST FOUR- STAGE

Avon's Two Wins

AVON, belonging to Sir V. M. Grayburn, won the Canton Handicap (second section) at the Second Extra Meeting, and followed this up by carrying off the Hongham Handicap at the very next meeting.

LANCASHIRE LASS carried off the first section of the Fatshan Handicap—a Novices' Race—under Mr. R. K. C. Chui to pay \$50.00 for a win.

EVE OF FOLLY, under Mr. R. M. Wood, scored a nice win in the West River Handicap (first section) to pay \$63.20 for a win.

GALVESTON BAY won the Fatshan Handicap (second section) in a Novices' Race, ridden by Mr. Yui, and then with Mr. Tu up it won the Lead Mine Handicap (second section) at the Sixth Extra Meeting.

Blue Field Stands Out

In my opinion the most improved pony among the old griffins is BLUE FIELD. It won three races at successive meetings, in the last of which it smashed Sam's Choice's record for the two mile post distance by three-fifths of a second.

EVE OF REASON did little of note after changing hands, but at the last meeting it again came to the fore with Mr. Craven on top, when it ran away with the Lama Handicap (second section) over a mile for "B" Class ponies.

Other old griffins that have done well are Galaxy in the Hongham Bay Handicap and Thirty Six in the Kellett Handicap (first section).

OLD SUBS.

Nothing really interesting can be written regarding the old subscription griffins, China ponies, with the exception of KING KONG. Ridden by Mr. Wei, it won the Lead Mine Handicap (first section) over six furlongs and paid out the handsome dividend of \$88.20.

PORTRUSH won the Taiwan Bay Handicap (second section), ridden by Mr. Li Shiu-fai over a mile for Novice jockeys.

The tennis championships at Chinese Recreation Club have reached the concluding stages in both the singles and doubles events. In the singles Paul Kong, who created an upset when he beat Tsui Wai-pui in the Second Round, is expected to win his semi-final tie against Iu Tak-cheuk, and the other semi-finalists are K. H. Ip and Tsui Yan-pui, Colony champion.

The Tsui brothers, holders of the Colony title, have already reached the Final of the doubles championship and will meet the winners of the semi-final tie between Lee Yue-wing and Chan Tak-chan and Paul Kong and U Tin-kwong.

Victoria Recreation Club are entering the Basketball League and are using St. Joseph's College ground for their practice games.

J. Fenton, University athlete, who is seen often in the V.R.C. bath, is a promising swimmer.



Mr. T. K. Li's O-Lan (Mr. Hearne up) winning the Whitsun Plate by a neck from Cire's Velvetlight (Mr. Wei) in record time. Mr. Li's champion, Confusion Bay (Mr. Black up), seen here on the rails, was third, three lengths behind and World Fair View was fourth.



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[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT]

"I see that I have been called the former billiards champion of Shanghai. Actually I have never won that title. Perhaps the reason why they call me ex-champion is because I was runner-up four times to C. W. Porter, each time losing by a few points in games of 2,000 up," said E. D. Bush, who is to meet A. J. Osmund, Colony billiards champion, in a charity game at Club de Recreio on Friday, June 27.

Bush started playing billiards as far back as 1907 and, to quote one who has been playing quite a great deal with him recently, he is "still going strong." He has won many club championships in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Hankow, and was captain of the "Thirty Club" in Shanghai when they won the Shanghai Billiards League. He was also a member of the Lusitano team that won the same trophy and was in the winning team seven times in all.

Interporter

Bush was chosen to play for Shanghai in the Interport match against Hong Kong, in Shanghai, in 1927, which Hong Kong won.

He has met the present Colony champion, A. J. Osmund, three times and won once, but he thinks Sgt. T. Pitt, formerly of the Police here, the best player ever to have held the Colony title.

He has also played such men as E. B. Roza, Leung Kam-kong, who was champion after Pitt, and P. Yvanovich, while in Shanghai he played against George Faulkner (1925) and Alec Taylor (1912) and between 1925 and 1928 played several times against George Grey, "magic circle" player, who once made a break of 3,000 from "in-offs" alone.

Break Of 186

Highest break Bush ever made in his life was 186, and in this connection he recalls that he was playing against Harry Ollerdessen, one of the finest opening batsmen to have played for Shanghai in Interport cricket games against Hong Kong, in a game of 300 up which he finished in two visits to the table!

Bush has achieved the ambition of every keen billiards player — he has topped the hundred mark for three-figure breaks.

SHANGHAI POLICE ATHLETICS

The recent Annual Shanghai Police Sports was the occasion of several of the local track and field standards being shattered officially. The new records will not likely be recognised because of the strong wind which aided the runners.

Tony Fonseca, was responsible for no less than two record breaking performances when he covered the 100-yard Police Championship race in the remarkable time of 9.9 seconds, and by coping the Open 440 yards in the outstanding time of 49.6.

Fonseca also, garnered first place in the Police 440 yard run and the Police 220 yard dash. His time of 22.6 seconds in the latter race equals the standard set by Gus Johannsen, several years back. —N.C.D.N.

T. Fonseca is the brother of J. Fonseca, Recreio hockey player and softballer.

A meeting of the Swimming Committee of European Y.M.C.A. will be held in the West Lounge this evening at 8 p.m.



E. D. Bush

Asked about his forthcoming game against Osmund, Bush said that he never played at his best in the hot weather, when "one's hands are always sticky and the shirt never dry," but he looked forward to a good game, nevertheless, and added he would have four evenings of practice on the Recreio table before the game.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following are some of the teams for Saturday's Lawn Bowls League games:—

RECREIO
First Division "A" (v. C.S.C.C., Home)
Joe Luz, C. E. Marques, J. E. Noronha and C. G. Silva (Skip), L. F. Xavier, C. M. Silva, H. A. Alves and F. X. Silva (Skip).

F. X. Soares, C. Roza-Pereira, F. V. Ribeiro and R. F. Luz (Skip).

First Division "B" (v. K.D.R.C., Away)
D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, E. M. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip).

F. A. Machado, J. C. Remedios, Eddie Sousa and L. J. Silva (Skip), C. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Gutierrez (Skip).

Second Division (v. K.C.C., Away)
A. J. Osmund, A. V. Barros, A. F. Noronha and O. P. Remedios (Skip), L. A. Rozario, E. L. Barros, C. A. Lopez and J. R. Soares (Skip).

A. P. Pereira, Fred A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and C. C. Pereira (Skip).

TO-DAY'S BOWLS

Following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club in a floodlight Lawn Bowls match at Ming Yuen to-day at 7 p.m. against Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd.:—W. E. Baker, W. Stonehouse, A. P. Tarbuck and A. F. Paul (Skip); R. A. Owens, A. G. Everett, J. F. Barron and J. F. Luny (Skip); W. E. Macfarlane, R. W. Smith, A. G. Gardner and L. de Rome (Skip).

INTER-VARSITY CRICKET MATCH FOR RED CROSS

Oxford and Cambridge have agreed to meet in a cricket match at Lords on June 28. This is the first occasion that the universities will have met at cricket.

All the proceeds of the one-day match will go to the Red Cross. Cambridge have raised a team which has been playing various opponents but Oxford have not arranged any games though they have selected a captain who has several good men round whom to build a team. —Reuter.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Skater — Your complaint should be addressed to the management of the rink concerned — Sports Ed.

DAVE LEONARD AND WALLY CHING SHINE

Disastrous Sixth For Asheville

POWLAWSKI PROMINENT AGAINST R.E.

By "Grandstand"

HIGHLIGHTED BY Dave Leonard's base-cleaning triple, Hong Kong Brewers got back into their groove last Sunday to triumph over U.S.S. Asheville 7 to 4, whilst Chung Hwa Maroons nosed out South China 6 to 5 despite Wally Ching's official no-hitter, in the first over-time tilt, which went into the ninth before the issue was decided, and the Merry Mindanaoans humbled Royal Engineers 12 to 1 in a cow pasture carnival of clout last Saturday.

The Brewers — Asheville tussle looked like anybody's game up to the sixth, when hurler DiGiacomo lost control and walked Baby Abbas with the bases loaded.

Maudeen "Slim" Arculli, who tossed them in for the victors, fanned three and was found for eight safeties, whilst DiGiacomo fanned three and passed four in five and one-third innings. Charlie Sawyer, replacing DiGiacomo on the hill, walked one for the remaining two-thirds of the inning. DiGiacomo was nicked for five blows, whilst Sawyer yielded a two-run single.

Brewery lead-off man George Souza drew a pass on the gravy train on four pitched balls, whilst Hank Ali had a free ride to first on catcher Langford's interference. Tony Alves dumped a honey which caught flinger DiGiacomo flat-footed to choke the sacks. Coming up to the platter in the clean-up slot, Dave Leonard crashed one into the left pastures for three bases to clear the paths, and was robbed of a four-master when hindsnatcher Langford put the whammy on him at the plate, when he attempted to stretch it.

Asheville's 1st Counter

In the Asheville half of the initial canto, although "Dusty" Rhodes singled and Lefty Crumm worked Arculli for a pass, both died on the sacks, as Haigh fanned the breeze to end the chapter. For the next three frames, the hurlers had the better of the batsmen, neither side being able to produce a tally, the Goffmen breaking into the scoring column in the fifth, when Brewery hindsnatcher Obear Arculli arched one to the mid-way cushion on a double steal set-up. Before the ball could be relayed back Rhodes had already crossed the pan standing up for Asheville's first counter.

In the disastrous sixth frame, two successive blows put runners on the fly paths. Dave Leonard, coming up for his third cut, was given an intentional pass on four pitched balls to souse the sacks with none away. Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard, next up, struck a short-circuit and popped out for the first erasure. After holding Baby Abbas to a three and two count, DiGiacomo couldn't find the plate and walked Abbas to push a run over the plate. Hurler Charlie Sawyer, who was sent up to the firing point after DiGiacomo had been sent to the showers, walked the next batter to face him for another tally to trickle in, whilst Shorty Arculli cuffed one into deep right to chase in two more Beermen.

Bowen Kept Busy

Trailing behind 7 to 2, the Mighty "A" could produce only two counters on three successive blows to right, where Lefty Joe Bowen was given a busy time.

Although Baby Abbas was guilty of two of his mates' three miscues, he atoned for it by rapping out a single in his only time at bat, whilst Tony "Peewee" Alves came up with two neat bunts in his three trips to fatten his average. "Dusty" Rhodes and Honolulu Leis were good for two in four, the former setting up a new high by burling five bases.

The big wallop of the day was made by Dave "Bambino" Leonard when he cracked out a triple with the bases loaded, whilst Lefty Crumm sliced out the only other extra-base clout with a two-bagger.

Nine Action-Packed Innings

BATTING through nine action-packed innings Chung Hwa shaded South China 6 to 5 in Saturday's night-cap to chalk up their first win in their initial appearance.

Losing pitcher Wally Ching, who yielded four blows in the two over-time frames, was credited with an official no-hitter, having pitched a shut-out game for the full regulation distance of seven frames.

Mount Victor Ali Lau fanned nine and walked two, whilst Wally Ching whiffed

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	W.	L.	Potg.
Mindanao	2	0	1.000
Chung Hwa	1	0	1.000
Asheville	1	1	.500
H.B.	1	1	.500
Royal Engineers	1	1	.500
H.K. Baseballers	0	1	.000
South China	0	2	.000

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE MATCH

By "Grandstand"

Taking advantage of the new daylight saving scheme, though entirely dependent on the weather, history will be made in local baseball this afternoon, when the Mindanao mace-maulers clash with Chuck Waggoner's Marauding Mohawks at 5 p.m. in the first mid-week League game to be played in this Isle of Sooted Streams.

Mindanaoans will be fielding their usual run-making machine of Willie Wilson, Henry "Muddy" Ruel, Lou Powlawski and Tony Mascavage, with Powlawski and Mascavage forming the battery. From this corner it looks like the Minnies will be chalking up their third straight victory, unless mentor Waggoner can produce his mystery moundsman.

It's still all a mystery in Stanleyville, but add a little here and subtract a little there and you can depend on the Mohawk stalwarts to dish out a sparkling brand of ball to halt the Mindanao victory march.

Grandpa Leung, Nip Lum and Tomy Chan are down to officiate this tilt.

BACK-STROKE RELAY NOT INCLUDED

At a meeting of swimming clubs at V.R.C. yesterday the Combined Chinese Clubs appointed Mr. Ho Siew-um, Chinese Bathing Club, as convener for the aquatic gala on July 26 between Combined Chinese and Combined V.R.C. and European Y.M.C.A., and have decided that heats will be necessary before their team is selected.

Points will be awarded as follows:—Individual events 3, 2 and 1; relays or team events 3 and 0 and Water-polo 5 and 0. Two swimmers will represent each team in the individual events and one team in the relays.

It was decided to drop the 200 yards back-stroke relay for teams of four and substitute a 400 yards relay for four men and four women.

Miss V. Churn, V.R.C. lady swimming champion, had her first practice in the V.R.C. pool yesterday.

A swimming gala between Victoria Recreation Club and Lai Tsun Swimming Union has been arranged to take place at V.R.C. on Saturday, July 5.

An instruction class for water-polo referees with blackboard discussion will be held at European Y.M.C.A. this evening at 7:30 p.m.

Royal Corps of Signals maintained their unbeaten record when they beat Royal Navy "A" in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation water-polo tournament yesterday by 3 goals to 1 in the Army pool. Dignan (2) and McCann scored for Signals and Rutter for Navy "A". In the other match, Middlesex "B" beat 8th A.A. Regt., R.A. by 5 goals to 4. Lomax (2) Peacock (2) and Smith scored for Middlesex and Robinson, Molyneux, Lear and Yabule for Gunners.

INTENSE AIR BATTLES IN LIBYA AND SYRIA

R.A.F. Loses Nine Planes In Heavy Day

Strip Tease Shocks Shanghai

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Five Chinese strip tease dancers were arrested and hauled to court in a police raid on a crowded Shanghai burlesque theatre yesterday.

Packed screaming and kicking into a police van, the girls faced the judge in hastily slipped on robes and were sentenced to 50 days in gaol for "immoral dancing." — International News Service.

PAYMENT OF CHINESE SEAMEN

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Shipping, at question time in the House of Commons yesterday, disclosed that the Ministry had discussed very fully with Mr. Quo Tai-chi, late Chinese Ambassador in London, the question of the payment of Chinese seamen.

He added: "I am glad to say there have been no recent difficulties with crews in this country." — Reuter.

Cooperation In Western Desert War

R.A.F. SUPPORT of the British forces in the Libyan and Syrian battles, and heavy raids on Benghazi and other enemy bases, are the high spots of yesterday's R.A.F. communique in Cairo.

The communique says that, in Cyrenaica, the Imperial Air Forces were continuously active throughout Monday in support of the operations carried out by our ground forces.

Numerous sorties were made by our fighters to drive off aircraft attempting to bomb and machine-gun our troops, and in many instances enemy bombers were forced to jettison their bombs without attacking.

In the course of combat one Messerschmidt 109 was shot down and several other ME 109's and 110's were severely damaged. One Heinkel was destroyed on the ground.

During Sunday night Benghazi harbour, several enemy aerodromes and concentrations of motor transport were heavily attacked. A number of fires were started in Benghazi harbour.

Bardia Strafed

At Bardia, aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm started large fires among enemy vehicles, a number of which were destroyed or damaged.

Fires were also started on the landing grounds at Derna, Martuba and Gazala, where bombs fell among dispersed aircraft, many of which are believed to have been destroyed.

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KING DECORATES CORPORAL

One of the men of the famous Bomb Disposal Squad who saved St. Paul's Cathedral last September by removing a one-ton high explosive delayed action bomb buried on the south-west corner of the Cathedral, was decorated by the King with the George Cross at a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace.

He was Corporal George Wyllie, to whom fell the task of actual discovery and removal of the bomb.

When the bomb was dug up, the Removal Squad, commanded by Lt. Robert Davis, who also received the George Cross, loaded the bomb on a lorry and drove it to Hackney Marshes, some miles away, where it was exploded.

Corporal Wyllie is a bachelor of 31 years and was a grocer in Scotland until eight years ago. Before then he was working in an aeroplane factory in England.

As the King pinned the Cross on his tunic, a Court official read out an account of his deed "for conspicuous bravery . . . his untiring energy, courage and disregard for danger was an outstanding example to his comrades."

The King asked Wyllie how long it took to remove the bomb. "Three days, Sir," Wyllie replied. — Reuter.

JULIANA HONOURED AT PRINCETON

Princess Juliana was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Law at Princeton University yesterday, says Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The fighting in the Sollum-Capuzzo-Halfaya triangle looks like developing into a regular battle.

The British troops are driving back the Germans and Italians and have got as far as Capuzzo, but not necessarily into it, according to military authorities in Cairo last night.

The Germans and Italians are understood to be still at Sollum but they are distinctly threatened with being cut off by the operations on the plain above Sollum.

They are rushing up reinforcements from the Tobruk area and it is difficult to prophesy the future course of the engagement.

At the moment, tanks, gun-carriers, armoured cars and mobile artillery are taking part and are jockeying for position in a bid to secure a useful jumping off ground in the "triangle."

This area is very useful to whoever holds it, and inconvenient to the side that does not.

There has been little doing on the coast plain near Sollum compared with the really hard fighting in progress on the escarpment above. — Reuter.

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GREAT TANK CLASH IN DESERT

RUHR GETS ANOTHER POUNDING

Vital war industries, crowded into Germany's greatest manufacturing area — the Ruhr — were heavily attacked for the sixth night in succession by large forces of R.A.F. bombers on Monday night.

The Air Ministry news service states that though dark, the night was clear and even before the moon had risen many aircraft had reached and bombed Cologne, Dusseldorf and Duisberg.

These cities, through which runs the Rhine, were the main objectives of the night and soon there were fires on both sides of the river, tall industrial buildings showing up in the flare of the flames.

As the attack developed the ground defences became more formidable, anti-aircraft shells bursting all round the R.A.F. planes and countless searchlights trying to compete with the glare of the flames and flares dropped by the bombers.

In spite of the defences the pilots got through to their targets.—Reuter.

Not So Lucky Now

The increase of the value of benefits which were contracted to be received tax-free, is to be counteracted by new proposals announced yesterday by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood.

Certain lucky individuals, notably company directors and recipients of alimony who were being paid tax-free, were receiving on £5,000 tax-free, for example, the equivalent of £68,000.

The readjustment now planned will see that the burden of the tax falls on the payee instead of the payer.—Reuter.

BUCHAREST BLACKOUT

REINTRODUCTION OF THE BLACK-OUT IN BUCHAREST IS REPORTED BY THE BUDAPEST CORRESPONDENT OF THE "BASLER NACHRICHEN."

The correspondent adds: "Shortage of several important food-stuffs and other articles in common use is beginning to make

Terrific Battle On Escarpment Above Halfaya

SPECTACULAR SWEEP BY R.A.F. OF CHANNEL

Clouds of R.A.F. fighters carried out a spectacular offensive sweep over the Straits of Dover and the French coast last night.

Several squadrons of fighters were engaged and for some time the Channel throbbed with the deep unbroken roar of powerful motors.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT TOKYO TALKS

The Japanese Ambassador in London, Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, has left on the first stage of his journey to Tokyo.

According to present arrangements the Ambassador will return to his post in London when his conversations with the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, have been completed.

The decision to go to Tokyo was taken when it was proved impossible for Mr. Shigemitsu to see Mr. Matsuoka during the latter's visit this year to Moscow and Berlin.

The Ambassador is to fly across the Atlantic and America and will complete his long journey by sea.

He is accompanied by the First and Third Secretaries of the Japanese Embassy in London.

The First Secretary has been appointed to a post in South America and will proceed thither from New York. His place as First Secretary in London has been taken by Mr. Yamada.—Reuter.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE

BLACK-OUT IN BUCHAREST IS

(By Reuter's Chief Correspondent in Cairo)

ONE OF THE BIGGEST ENCOUNTERS WITH TANKS EVER SEEN TOOK PLACE ON SUNDAY ON THE ESCARPMENT NEAR HALFAYA PASS, ON THE EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN FRONTIER, ACCORDING TO REPORTS REACHING CAIRO LAST NIGHT.

Raising clouds of sand, tanks and other fighting vehicles charged, attacked, counter-attacked and reformed in surprising manoeuvres.

British tanks made a wide sweeping movement south of Halfaya Pass, charged up the escarpment, and debouched on fighting ground in the triangle formed by Halfaya Pass, Sollum and Fort Capuzzo.

REPORTS OF THIS OPERATION, THOUGH IT WAS OF LIMITED SCOPE, HAVE AROUSED GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND EXCITEMENT IN EGYPT BECAUSE IT SHOWS

Firstly, that General Wavell, whose name has a magic ring for the Egyptians, is strong enough to conduct operations on two fronts simultaneously, and

Secondly, that supplies and equipment, which have been steadily pouring in for months from Britain, America, India and Australia, must now be approaching the point of being really adequate.—Reuter.

Modest Beginning?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was stated in London that at least 12 Italian tanks were smashed in Sunday's mechanised battle in which British and Indian infantry were also engaged.

DESPITE THE CAREFULLY GUARDED OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE OPERATION, MILITARY CIRCLES IN LONDON RECALL THAT GENERAL WAVELL'S SHATTERING WINTER OFFENSIVE BEGAN IN A SIMILAR MODEST FASHION AND GAINED MOMENTUM AS IT ROLLED ALONG.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE

Heavy Fighting

Heavy fighting in Libya and Syria is reported in yesterday's communiqué from British G.H.Q. in Cairo, which states:

"By a surprise movement our troops made an initial penetration as far as Fort Capuzzo.

Enemy reinforcements have been hurried forward from the Tobruk area and many determined counter-attacks have so far been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. Operations are proceeding."—British Wireless.

Regular Battle

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PROSPECT OF A LONG WAR

"You face the prospect of a long war," the United States Secretary for War, Mr. Henry Stimson, told the Committee of the House of Representatives yesterday, indicating that the war might well last more than four years.

Mr. Stimson said one of the benefits of the proposed St. Lawrence seaway, which would take four years to build, would be the protection afforded to part of the route for munitions to England.

"IN MY OPINION" HE DECLARED, "IT IS NECESSARY TO PREPARE FOR A VERY LONG EMERGENCY."

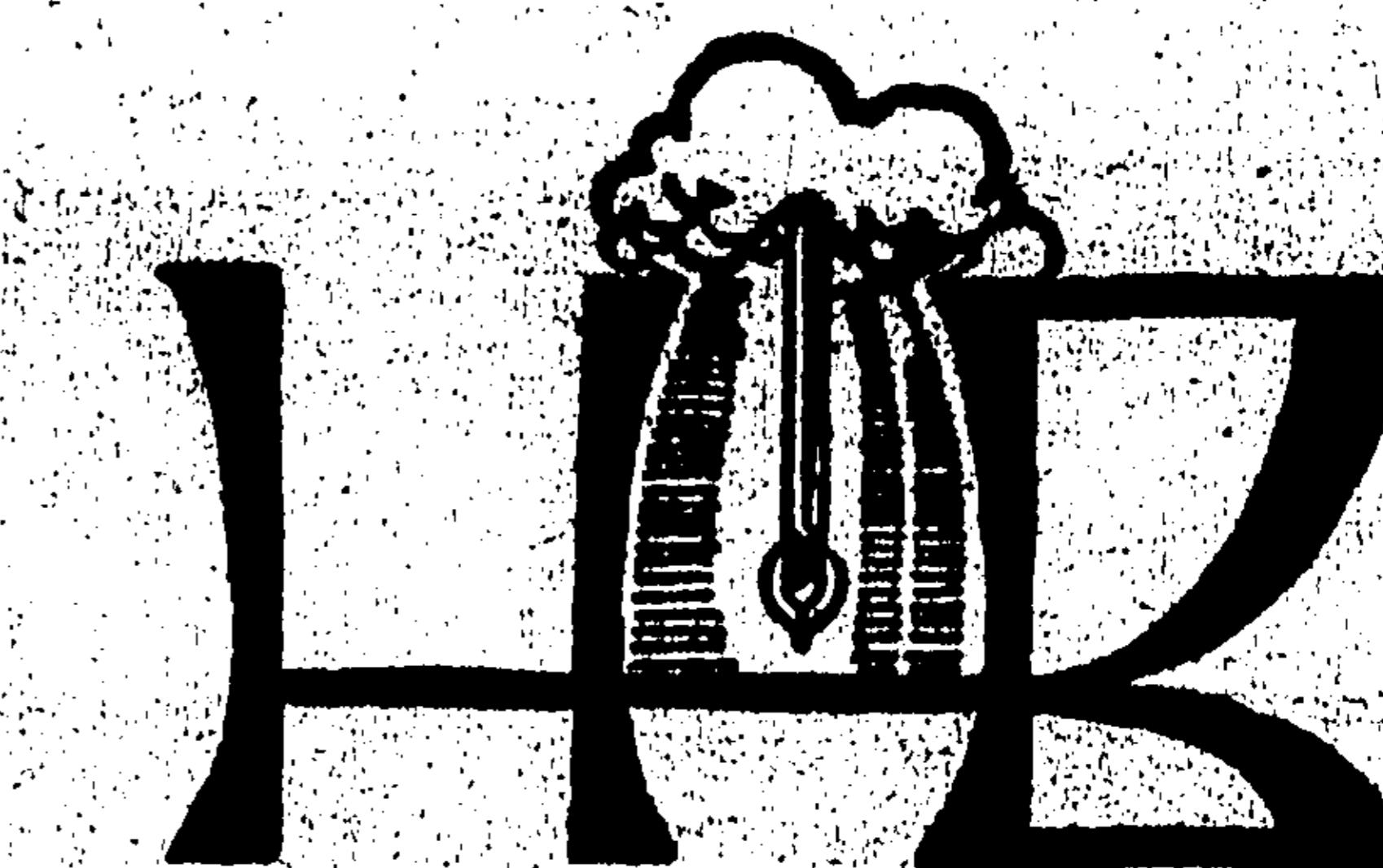
"We all hope that it will be brief but it is not safe to act on such a hope in the situation as it confronts us to-day."

There is a very strong chance, he concluded, "of the emergency lasting long enough for the United States to benefit by this seaway."—Reuter.

FRENCH LOSE A DESTROYER

A French destroyer has been sunk in operations off Syria, says a Beirut telegram to the Vichy news agency quoted by Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Japanese Delegates Decide To Leave Batavia

NAZI BOMBER CRASHES IN PORTUGAL

Portuguese officials who examined the wreckage of a plane which crashed in flames close to the Spanish frontier early on Sunday say it was a four-engined German bomber presumably returning from the Gibraltar raid. — Reuter.

THE ROBIN MOOR CASE

The basic charges against Germany for sinking the Robin Moor are not affected by the arrival of the missing survivors at Capetown, declared Mr. Sumner Welles, United States Under-Secretary of State, yesterday.

The United States Government would very soon be able to reach a final decision on action to be taken, he said. Meanwhile the American consul at Capetown had been instructed to cable a summary of the survivors' depositions.

Although Mr. Welles did not indicate what action would be taken, it is considered that at the very least a stern protest would be lodged.—Reuter.

"FLEECED" WOMAN ALLEGATION

When John Houlden, 34, described as of independent means, Cumberland Mansions, Hyde Park, was remanded for two weeks at Marlborough Street Police Court on charges of fraudulent conversion and forgery involving £665, Mr. C. Humphreys prosecuting, said:

"This is a story of a clever rogue battenning upon a woman with money who early fell under his influence—I might say almost his spell—signed almost anything put in front of her, and was slowly but deliberately fleeced of large amounts of money."

It was stated that the £665 was the money of Mrs. Ethel Gertrude Miller-Mundy, Viceroy Court, Regent's Park.

When arrested Houlden was alleged to have said: "This is a pity, as Lord Tredegar and Lord Anerley were going to see Mrs. Miller-Mundy to-morrow and put the matter right."

YOSHIZAWA HAS FINAL INTERVIEW

THE JAPANESE DELEGATES have decided to leave the Netherlands East Indies following the impasse in the economic talks, according to a Japanese telegram from Batavia.

Prior to this announcement, Mr. Yoshizawa, head of the Japanese delegation, had a final interview with the Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies.

The telegram adds the delegation will leave Batavia for Japan on June 29.

The prominent Tokyo newspaper "Hochi" says the Japanese Government should nevertheless continue to urge the East Indies to cooperate with Japan in building an "East Asia prosperity sphere."

Declaring that the Dutch Governor-General's speech to the People's Council on Monday indirectly implied that Japan was one of the colony's enemies the "Hochi" says Japan must take this into consideration and take determined steps to make the East Indies realise Japan's ideal of a Greater East Asia.—Reuter.

RETALIATION BY GERMANY

AMERICAN PROPERTY IN GERMANY IS THE OBJECT OF IMMEDIATE RETALIATORY ACTION BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

Berlin announced yesterday: "By order of the President, the Government of the United States on June 14 announced the freezing of all German assets in the United States: by order of the German Government, therefore, the necessary steps will immediately be taken concerning the property of American citizens in the German Reich."—Reuter.

CHINA-BURMA FRONTIER FIXED

Delimitation of the frontier between China and Burma has been finally settled after prolonged negotiations, Reuter learned from well-informed sources in Chungking yesterday.

It is expected that an agreement between the Chinese and British Governments will be signed shortly.—Reuter.

DEFERMENT OF ENLISTMENT

SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"

The U.S. House of Representatives Military Affairs Committee yesterday voted to make mandatory the deferment from drafting of all men reaching the age of 28 by July 1. As passed by the Senate, the Bill authorises the President to order deferment if he wishes.—International News Service.

LATEST FLYING FORTRESSES FOR R.A.F.

Numbers of the very latest type of four-engined "Flying Fortress," the Boeing B 17 C, have reached Britain from the United States.

They will soon be in service with the R.A.F. alongside British and other types of United States four-engined bombers.

Despite their vast size, the B 17 Cs, the first of their type to be delivered here, have beaten all records in their Atlantic crossings.

Developed from the Boeing 17 B, they are four-engined aeroplanes capable of a good deal more than 300 m.p.h. They have a range with full load of more than 3,000 miles and a ceiling of 36,700ft.

These "Flying Fortresses," which carry a crew of between seven and nine men, have a wingspan of 103ft and 1,200 h.p. Wright Cyclone R 1820s.

New Gun Turrets

They have special gun turrets in place of the "blisters" of the earlier types. Every square foot of the wings carries a load of 26.1lb under normal conditions, and with full bomb load 33.1lb. Gross weight is 47,500lb.

The Boeing is built entirely of metal, and the trailing edge flaps, which give a low landing speed, are electrically operated.

The Boeing plants, which have been enlarged by more than 250 per cent. since 1939, are now turning out one aircraft every two days. Some of the later versions have exhaust-driven superchargers for sub-stratosphere flying.

Liberators, Too

Britain is also receiving numbers of Consolidated Liberators from the United States. These, too, are four-engined aeroplanes, and both types are superior to anything yet produced by the enemy.

The fact that both types are beginning to arrive in numbers is an indication of the heavy-weight air striking force which is being built up for Britain by United States factories.

The American aircraft industry is responding magnificently to continually increasing British demands.

NEW ZEALAND TO BUILD MINESWEEPERS

The placing of a contract for building four minesweepers at Port Chalmers to British Admiralty plans, was announced yesterday by the New Zealand Minister of Supply, Mr. Sullivan, says Reuter from Wellington.

WE MUST STAND AND FIGHT

The Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, in a nationwide broadcast last night reviewing the military position, said: "As Germany creeps along the European coastline the voyage round the Cape, supplying the Middle East, becomes more tortuous and vulnerable.

"We must fight where and how the enemy compels us.

"We must stand and fight for the Middle East or else surrender the Mediterranean, extricate the Fleet, yield Iraq and Iran, open the gateway to India, expose French Africa to complete subjugation and make it easy for Spain to give bases in North-West Africa, thus adding a new and deadly menace to the Atlantic and to the whole contact of Britain with the Empire south and east of Suez.

"In the face of these perils any limitation upon our efforts must go."—Reuter.

WANCHAI FLOODED

WITHIN TEN MINUTES OF THIS MORNING'S HEAVY DOWPOUR, THE WANCHAI DISTRICT WAS FLOODED, PARTICULARLY IN THE QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AREA WHERE PEDESTRIANS, RICKSHA PULLERS, AND COOLIES HAD TO WADE IN TWO FEET OF WATER.

The whole of the race course was turned into a lake while the grounds of the clubs in the neighbourhood were also under several inches of water.

MORE ABYSSINIA PRISONERS

A Cairo G.H.Q. Communiqué states:

On June 15, after a sharp engagement, our African troops in Abyssinia captured an enemy Lakes, taking 200 prisoners four Lakes, taking 200 prisoners, four guns and 30 machine-guns. The enemy left 150 killed on the field.

In the Assab area a further six Italian officers and 180 other ranks have surrendered.

KREISLER RECOVERS

FRITZ KREISLER, THE FAMOUS VIOLINIST, WAS DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY DESCRIBED AS GOOD.

Audiences will once more hear him play with all his matchless art, for his wife stated he will play again "as he has always played."

Kreisler, who is 60, was knocked down by a motorcar in New York seven weeks ago and was taken to hospital suffering from a fractured skull and internal injuries.—Reuter.

"SECRET WEAPON" AGAINST ENEMY AIRCRAFT

"DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH promise in many directions" in the detection and destruction of enemy planes, was mentioned by the Lord Privy seal, Mr. C. R. Attlee, in answer to a question in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Attlee was invited to amplify the recent statement by the Canadian Defence Minister, Col. Ralston, announcing Canadian help in this direction.

Mr. Attlee said that thanks to the brilliant work of our scientists great progress had been made in devising means of helping the Fighting Services in locating and destroying enemy planes.

British industries were now turning out increasing quantities of an ingenious apparatus whose maintenance demands large numbers of skilled men, especially radio mechanics. Training is being given by the Fighting Services assisted by universities and technical colleges all over the country.

THERE WAS STILL NEED FOR MORE CRAFTSMEN AND A BROADCAST APPEAL WAS BEING MADE TO TECHNICAL MEN OVERSEAS TO COME FORWARD TO JOIN THEIR SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE TO THAT OF OUR SCIENTISTS.—REUTER.

PORTUGAL REINFORCES THE AZORES

A DETACHMENT OF SAILORS HAS LEFT LISBON FOR THE AZORES TO REINFORCE THE NAVAL BASE AT PONTE DEL GADA, STATES A LISBON DESPATCH RECEIVED IN VICHY LAST NIGHT.

The sailors took with them a quantity of war materials.

A contingent of troops from Lisbon has already arrived in the Azores, according to a despatch from Angra do Heroísmo.—Reuter.

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GENERAL DENTZ STRIKES BACK

Resistance In Syria Develops Strongly

Vichy Troops Drive On Merj Ayoun

(By Reuter's Chief Correspondent in Cairo)

RESISTANCE BY THE VICHY TROOPS IN SYRIA, WHICH IT WAS HOPED COULD BE AVOIDED, HAS NOW DEVELOPED AND GENERAL DENTZ'S FORCES HAVE STRUCK A BLOW IN THE CENTRE WHICH HAS LED TO FIGHTING.

It has, however, made no material change, and latest despatches received in Cairo yesterday report that Merj Ayoun — claimed to have been taken by Vichy troops — is still in Allied hands.

The situation there is well in hand and Allied reserves are available.

On the coast the Allies have made a little progress beyond Sidon and the position there seems reasonably secure.

There is still fighting south of Damascus, where certain Vichy positions have been captured.

The Allies are now on the hills overlooking the Plain of Damascus and are making their way slowly down towards the city.

The Syrians and Druses generally are proving friendly to the Allies.

"Counter-Offensive"

A Vichy communiqué on the Syria operations, broadcast by Lyons radio last night, reads: "In the area situated between the Jebel Druse and Mount Hermon, as well as in the mountainous part of south Lebanon, counter-offensive operations continue.

"On the coast, the British forces, deprived of the support of the Fleet, which withdrew on the morning of June 16, have developed only slight activity.

"Our air force continued yesterday to attack with bombs the rear of the enemy despite very active anti-aircraft defences.

"THE RAYAK AND HOMS DISTRICTS WERE TWICE RAIDED BY THE R.A.F. ON SUNDAY NIGHT BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE." — REUTER.

Cairo Communiqué

An official Cairo communiqué on Syria states that although the Allied forces are making steady progress on the coastal sector and have captured several further positions in the Kiswe area, strong counter-attacks by Vichy troops have been launched at Merj Ayoun and Queneitra.

"Allied reinforcements are now approaching both these places, where heavy fighting is continuing." — British Wireless.

COMMON PURPOSE

"CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES SHALL FOR EVER WALK TOGETHER AS THE BEST OF GOOD NEIGHBOURS," SAID THE CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER, MR. MACKENZIE KING, IN RECEIVING AN HONORARY DEGREE AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY YESTERDAY.

Mr. Mackenzie King, who is on a brief visit to the United States, told the graduating class: "Between you and us is a community of thought, ideals and purpose. Our common disdain of fleeting things that will pass, our common love of eternal things that will remain." — Reuter.

GERMANS ACTIVE IN MOROCCO

Anti-French Agitation

Latest reports received in London from Morocco show that German agitation among the natives is now taking a directly anti-French turn. The Germans in Morocco are openly boasting that they are the masters in French North Africa and that the French are under their orders.

For exhibiting a postcard portrait of Marshal Petain hung upside down on a meat-hook, a native butcher has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Another native at Dakar received a sentence of one year for making anti-French remarks on board a coastal steamer.

British Banned

The Germans have instructed Adm. Darlan, as Foreign Minister, to ensure that no visas for Morocco are issued by French Consuls abroad except to French or German nationals. British subjects are not allowed to enter the country.

The Germans are still worrying about those Frenchmen who give allegiance both to Marshal Petain and Gen. de Gaulle. This is reflected in the German-controlled Paris press. The "Matin" writes: "Now that the Marshal himself has spoken, we hope that we shall no longer see the paradox of people who bow to the hero of Verdun and at the same time listen to propaganda from London."

It was announced that the French Cabinet had decided to close the French frontiers to all Frenchmen between the ages of 17 and 40 to prevent them from leaving France to join Gen. de Gaulle's forces.

The announcement added that ships were leaving daily from Normandy and Brittany for British ports and that French Consuls in Spain were continually receiving reports that volunteers for the Free French Forces had arrived from France.

An electric fuse-box caught fire in the Kowloon Godown last night but was extinguished by the employees before the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

CAPTAIN ROOSEVELT IN LISBON

(By Reuter's Lisbon Correspondent)

Captain James Roosevelt, eldest son of the President, arrived in Lisbon yesterday, 10 days behind his schedule, on the way back to Washington after travelling 30,000 miles round the globe.

Looking bronzed and fit, he told me: "I have got a pretty accurate general picture of the war situation. Air power is a tremendous, if not a dominating factor in this war."

Capt. Roosevelt, who was unable to discuss military problems, said: "There was a great demand for American materials in the East, and although many problems remain unsolved as yet, one can be reasonably satisfied with the material help getting through."

"Nowhere is help more greatly appreciated than in China, where I was impressed by the cheerful confidence of the people." — Reuter.

EIRE'S FOOD SHORTAGE

Eire is experiencing a severe shortage of feeding supplies for humans and animals but supplies of flour and bread in the country will be adequate until the next harvest has arrived.

This was stated in the Daily yesterday by Mr. Sean Lemass, Minister of Supplies, who announced that it was not improbable that after the next harvest a certain amount of other cereals may have to be used with wheat to ensure the nation's requirements of flour and bread.

Shipping difficulties would further increase if there was an extension of the belligerent field of activity. — Reuter.

WEYGAND'S WANING POWERS

According to French circles in New York, travellers who have recently returned from French North Africa paint a sombre picture of the extent to which Gen. Weygand's powers of independent action have been circumscribed by Nazi penetration during the past few months.

It is said to be no longer a question of willingness or unwillingness but one of lack of ability to resist German demands.

The strength of Gen. Weygand's forces has been greatly exaggerated. It now consists of about 125,000 men and 100 planes. Supplies, especially petrol, are short.

The Armistice Commission now consists entirely of Germans.

GREEK NAVY JOINS BRITAIN AT ALEXANDRIA

A cruiser, seven destroyers, two torpedo-boats and five submarines of the Greek Navy have reached Alexandria and have now joined the British Mediterranean Fleet, announced a senior officer of the Greek Navy in a broadcast from London last night, says Reuter.

RIFLES OF HOME GUARD STOLEN

Civil and military police in one of the Home Counties are engaged in trying to trace the whereabouts of several men who in recent weeks, by posing as officers of the Home Guard, have obtained possession of a number of rifles and quantities of ammunition.

The men apparently obtained the names and addresses of men known to be members of the Home Guard, and dressed in uniforms similar to those of the Home Guard, visited their homes when they knew the men would be away. They then persuaded the womenfolk to hand over the rifles and ammunition.

A typewritten notice put up in the orderly room of one company, signed by the officer commanding (a Lieut.-Colonel) says: "Men are warned that on no account must they part with any of their equipment except to men known to them to be members of the Home Guard."

BRITISH NOTE TO YUGOSLAVS

The British Government, in a Note to the Yugoslav Minister in London, places on record their sense of indignation at the shameless manner in which Yugoslavia has been mutilated and parts of her territory subjected to foreign rule, in gross violation of the true feelings of the Yugoslav people."

The British Government takes note of the Yugoslav protests at the dismemberment of the country by the Axis.

It recalls the Yugoslav protests of May 14 and 28 calling attention to the illegal proclamation of an "independent Croatia, which represented camouflaged annexation to Italy of Croatia" and "the brutal dismemberment of the Slovene people."

The British Note declares these acts by the German and Italian Governments to be null and void and states that the British Government will continue to support the Government of King Peter. — Reuter.

HALF A MILLION FEWER JOBLESS

Unemployed in Britain numbered 290,312 on May 12, which is nearly 500,000 fewer than on May 20 last year and nearly 30,000 less than the previous month's figure, says Reuter from London this morning.

PARTY TRUCE IN BRITAIN TO CONTINUE

SUPPORT FOR continuation of the political Party truce agreed to between the Conservative, Liberal and Labour Parties in Britain when Mr. Churchill became Premier, was given yesterday at the Annual Conference of the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

The Union's membership of over 500,000 includes many of Britain's armament workers.

The Union's President, Mr. Jack Turner, said: "I do not see anyone who can get a majority of the people more than Mr. Churchill. He is a man of outstanding character and can get the unity of the whole people of this country.

"The Labour Party is satisfied that the only way in which this war can be conducted under present circumstances is by having this truce."

By 28 votes to 23, with one neutral, the Conference defeated a resolution calling for immediate repudiation of the political truce and of the suspension of local and national elections.

Not The Time

The Report of the Union's Executive Committee, which will be laid before the Conference later this week, states: "Now is not the time for internecine conflicts. Our

part is mainly to use all available powers on the munitions production field. We must continue collaboration with Government to this end." — Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE RECRUITING

Mr. McEwen, Australian Air Minister, announced yesterday that Government was considering the absorption of women in clerical duties in the R.A.A.F., release of physically fit men of fighting age for active service and an increase in the age limits for ground staff.

Government had also decided to reduce the height for entry to the R.A.A.F. to five feet. — Reuter.

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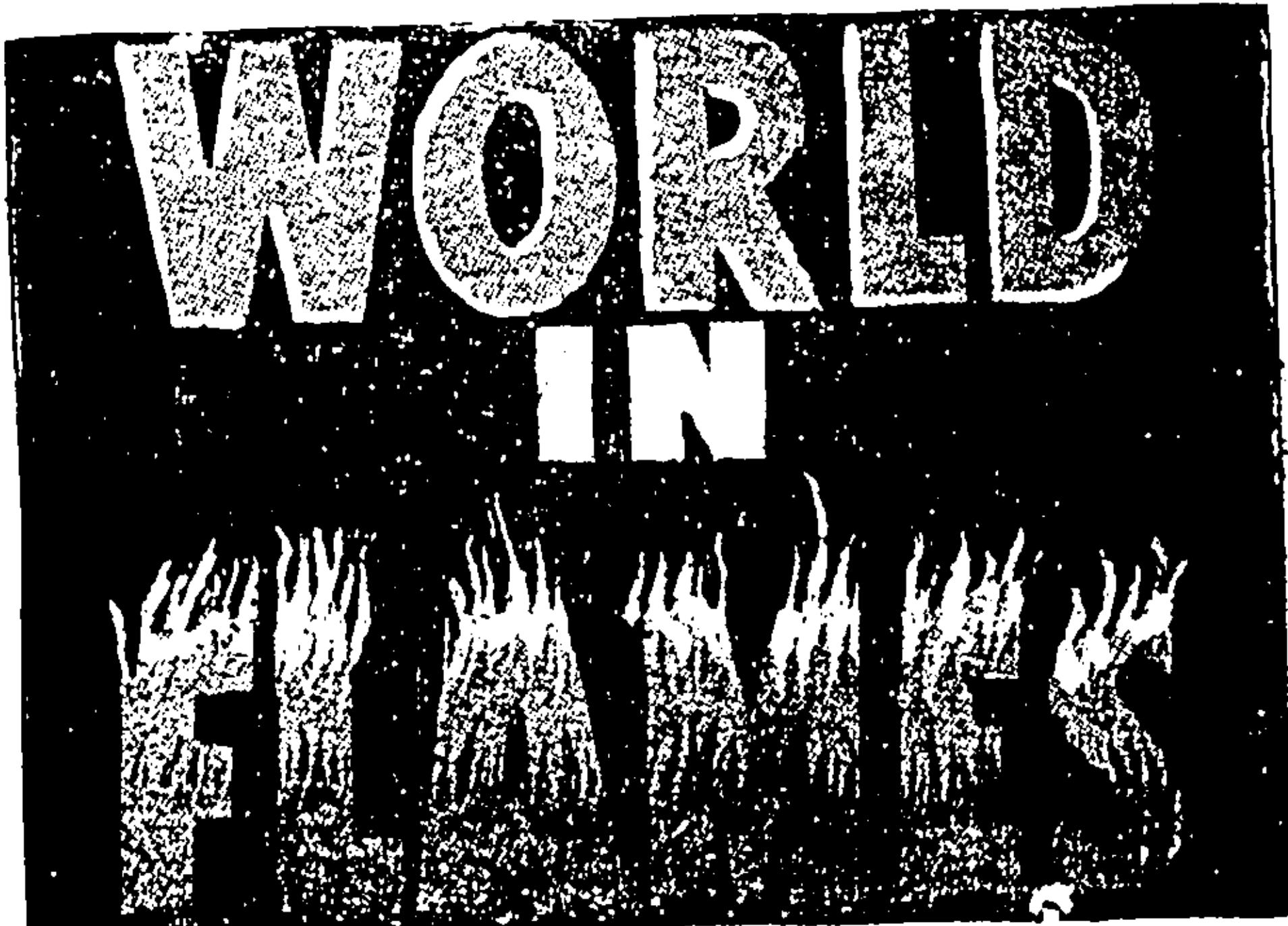
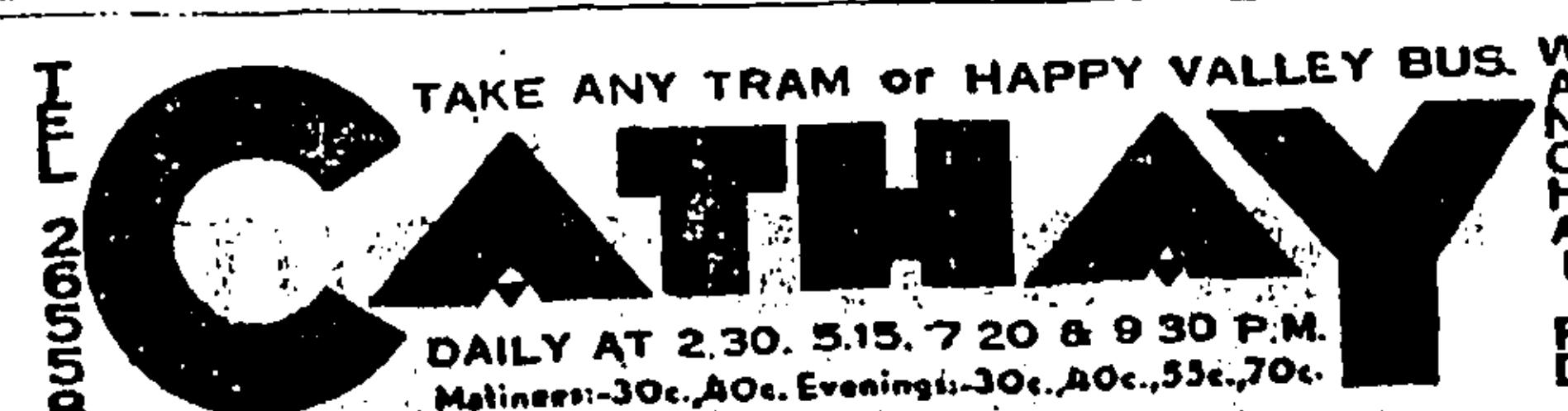


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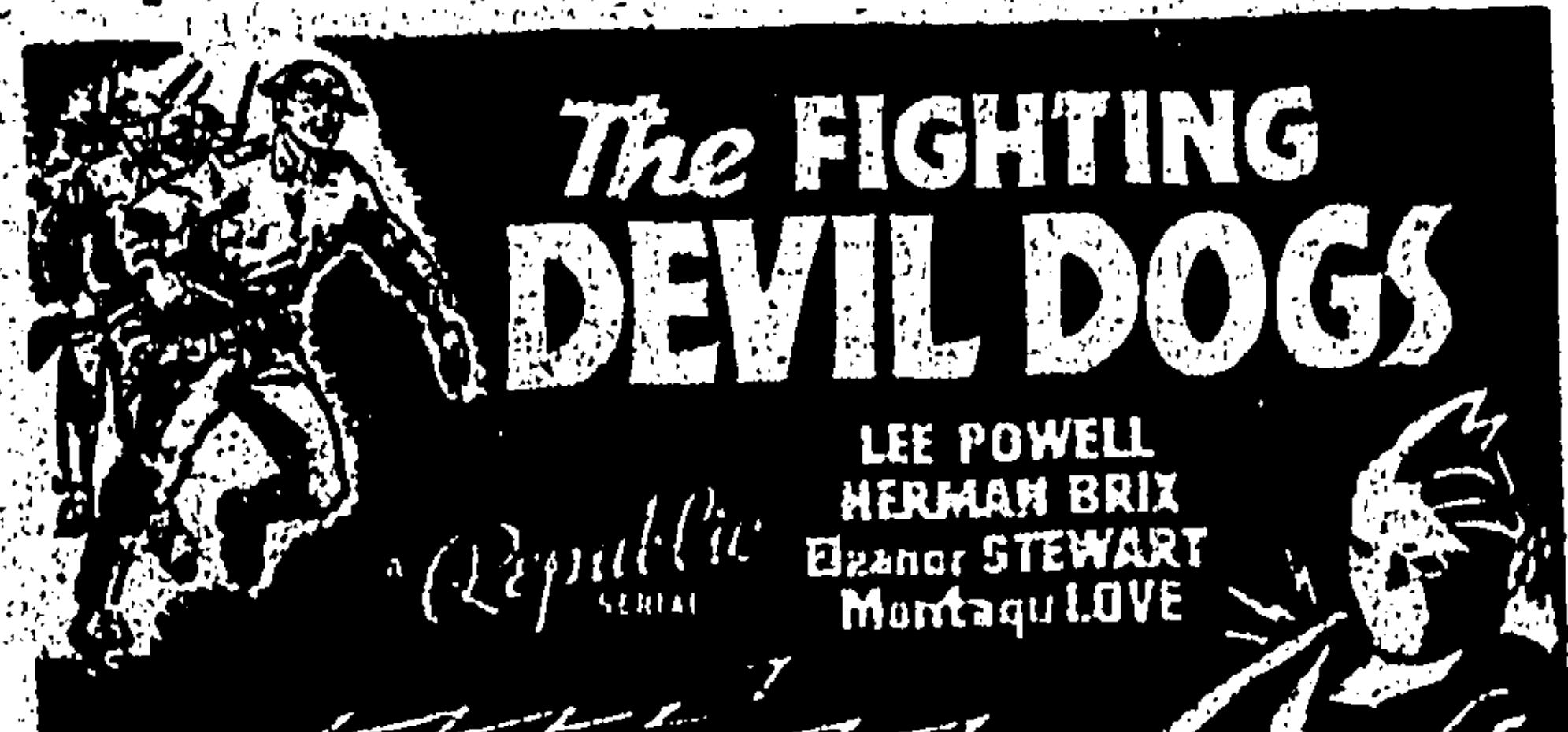
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Mr. Mackenzie King was referring to Britain's shortage of Canadian money which "we have told her not to worry about." He was speaking to the Associated Canadian Organisations in New York.

NO SHELTER ILLNESSES

Lord Horder, the King's Physician, told the Royal Society of Arts in London that the public health authorities were puzzled to know the reasons of the robust state of the nation's health.

"I hear that a small committee is being formed to inquire into this unusual and unexpected state of affairs," he said.

Meningitis was the one disease that had shown an increase, the cases reaching a higher figure than during any year since 1915. Even so the figure was not alarming. "Shelter diseases" had not appeared.

Lord Horder described a disused place of entertainment at a provincial centre let out as raid shelter accommodation as a basement "chamber of horrors."

"Perhaps it was the knowledge of this fact and the paintings on the wall of such horrific subjects as the beheading of Charles I., and the hanging of that other Charles whose surname was Peace, which dictated the knock-down price at this level at 2s 6d.

"On the ground floor the price ranged from 5s to 10s a week. On the first floor, where security was reduced to nil, you might get a small suite for a guinea."

He doubted whether its real function was protection against air-raids.

Underground Street

In another town, whose industry had completely disappeared, a disused railway tunnel had been converted into an underground street, and a mean street at that, and the tendency for the population to become residential was increasing.

"Blitz" or "no 'blitz,'" the children did not see the sun, or even the daylight, for weeks together, and the old and infirm came to the surface less often still.

"I reiterate that there is no such thing as an 'ideal' or 'model' large underground public shelter. Some of the shelters under big industrial business centres come as near to justifying these terms as possible."

Despite the dangers, not only had the anticipated epidemics and illnesses not arrived, the health not only of the shelterers but of the whole community had remained remarkably good.

"PURELY ACCIDENTAL"

The bombing of foreign property in Chungking on Sunday by Japanese planes was "purely accidental," the Japanese naval spokesman told foreign correspondents in Shanghai.

He said he had learned from headquarters of the Japanese navy that some bombs went astray and officials were trying to find out the reason.—Reuter.

WEALTHY PILOT'S MYSTERY CRASH

A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest at Maidenhead on Robert Loewenstein, 30-years-old millionaire pilot in the Air Transport Auxiliary, who was killed in a crash.

Constance Loxton said she saw a plane flying very low. It went out of sight behind a hedge, the engine stopping. She thought the machine had landed. The engine started again and the plane reappeared. It was tipping sideways with the left wing sticking up. It disappeared behind some trees and crashed.

M. Fontenoy was head of the propaganda service of the Rassemblement National Populaire, the puppet party working in Paris for M. Laval and the Germans.

Although he never went out without a bodyguard, it is believed that he has been assassinated, as was another official of this party about a week ago.

Mr. Loewenstein was the son of the late Capt. Alfred Loewenstein, the Belgian financier, who fell from his plane into the English Channel in 1928.

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WARDEN'S DASH INTO FIRE INFERNO--2 DIE

AIR RAID WARDENS tried in vain to rescue a man and woman trapped in a London fire. People living near the White Hart public-house, in Windmill Street, Tottenham Court Road, W.C., were awoken before eight by a woman's screams. They saw smoke belching from the storey above the public-house.

"A dark-haired woman was leaning out of a front window," said a neighbour. A man behind the woman was shouting to her to lean out of the window to get fresh air. Then both the man and woman disappeared."

Mr. John Mahoney and other wardens at a nearby post, among them Mrs. S. White, ran out to give help.

They reared a ladder against the front of the building to fetch down the two people upstairs, but the ladder was too short.

Mr. Mahoney got in by smashing the windows in the club room on the first floor, but was driven back by the flames, which had destroyed the stairway, trapping the occupiers of the floor above.

On his way back down the ladder he had to pass through a sheet of flames. His hands were blistered and the haft of

his axe was burned through.

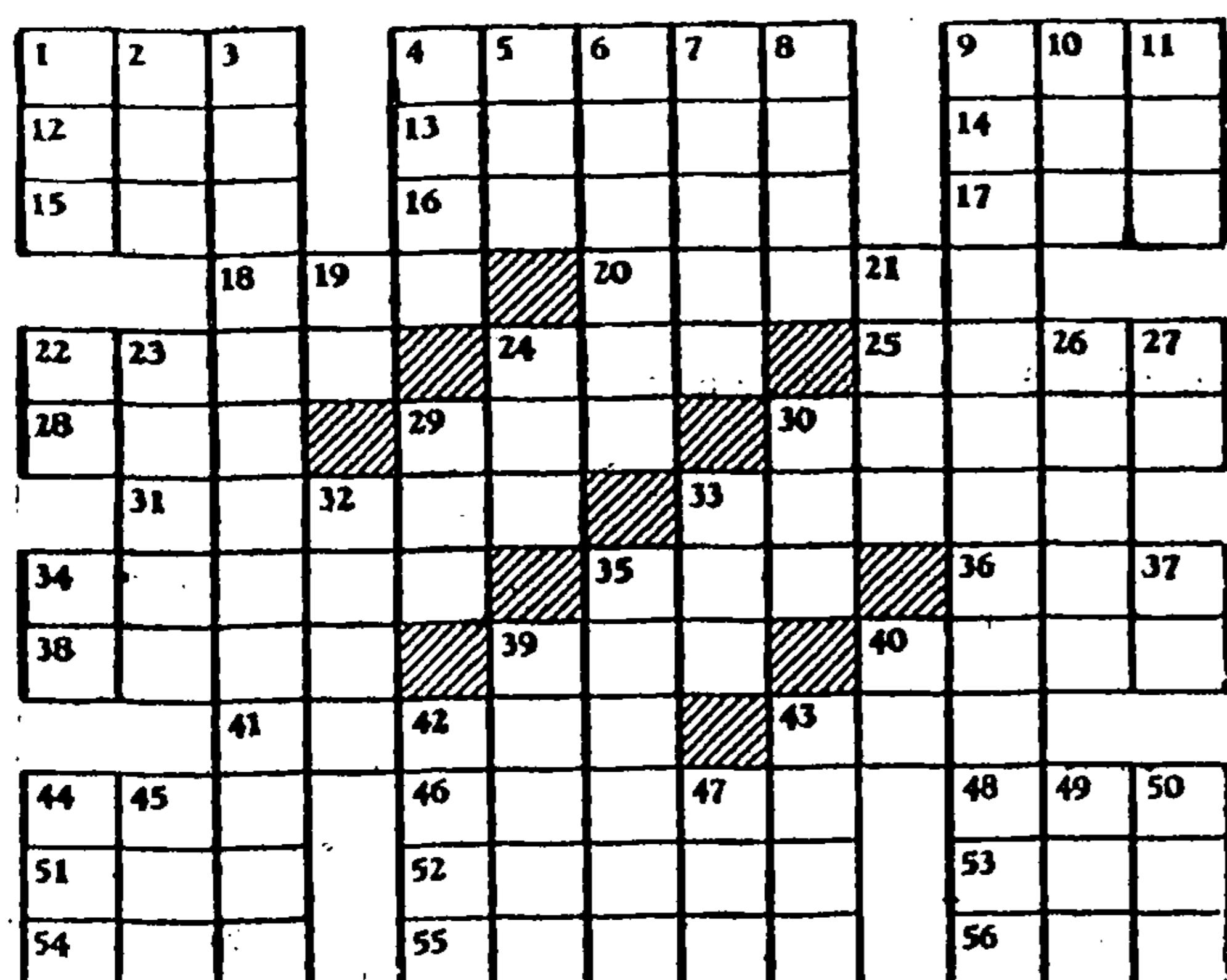
Licensee Dead

By the time A.F.S. men reached the two people upstairs, they were dead.

They were Captain Walter Palmer, the licensee, and Mrs. Hilda Kuhn. Captain Palmer took the licence of the White Hart about seven months ago. Previously he was at the Bird-in-Hand, Long Acre, W.C.

Mr. W. Murray, a warden at Mahoney's post, said: "Mahoney was fine. That fellow would go through the jaws of hell to do his job."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- Strange
- To-rebound
- To understand
- Hawaiian dish
- To diminish
- Attempt
- Printers' measures
- Glue
- To mature
- Lettuce
- genus
- Lever
- God of love
- Biblical name
- Card game
- Metal
- Assistance
- Tapering roof
- Bitter
- River, in France
- Cubic metro
- Abyss
- African antelope
- To merit
- Drinkard
- Demona
- live, pronounce
- Maxim

VERTICAL

- Also
- Garland
- Conscious
- Kiwi
- Tavern
- Networks
- Cebine monkey
- Ovum
- Lets fall
- To blunder
- YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION
- Also
- Garland
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- Lets fall
- To blunder
- BIE ARMOR DEW
- ATA MIAMI EGO
- ASLEEP AVENUE
- SOM CHRDO
- IRAN RIO DITTO
- RAM ALLET LEET
- STUPRAGE AH
- NEVER SURE ASH
- ELTIDE TO AVER
- CEASER BRA
- ATTENT HAMMY
- TOO RAGER LEE
- TER MONGS SHIT

8 Reward

- Reward
- A pretense
- Unit of work
- Disturbing
- Head coverings
- Arabian garment
- Grated
- Aquatic mammal
- Symbol for tellurium
- Part of "to be"
- To pose
- Sea eagle
- Ide
- Symbol for selenium
- Vegetable
- Low note
- Drain
- Toward
- Aromatic plant
- Receptions
- Falsehood
- Wood of an East-Indian tree
- To train
- Rowing
- Impression
- Melody

AMERICANS' EFFORT IN WAR

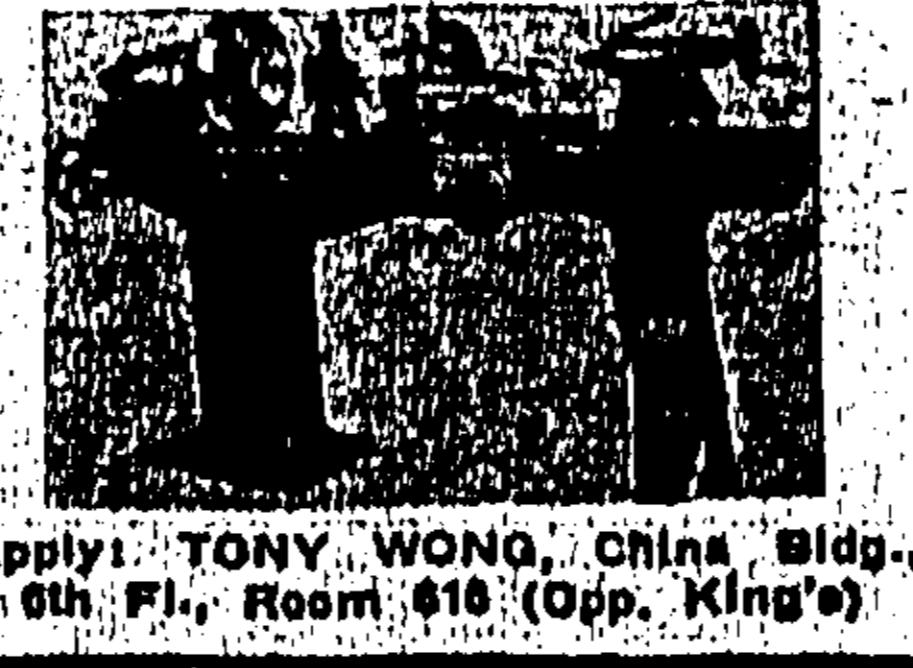
Two American schoolboys, aged 11 and 9, have been digging for victory for Britain in their backyards in Pennsylvania. Sale of the produce to passing motorists has enabled them to give £2 to the British War Relief Society of America.

This was one of the many instances Mr. Bertram de N. Cruger, the Society's representative in Britain, gave of the way American citizens are helping to relieve war distress in Britain. The Society has sent approximately £1,371,680.

"The Society is now campaigning for £5,000,000," Mr. Cruger said. "About £2,500,000 is the object of a special campaign for the relief of air raid victims."

Three Englishmen who fought in the last war have given up their businesses in New York to work night and day in the office of the Society there. They are Mr. Robert W. Appleby, the vice-president, Mr. Cecil Baker, administrative director, and Mr. Peter Colefax.

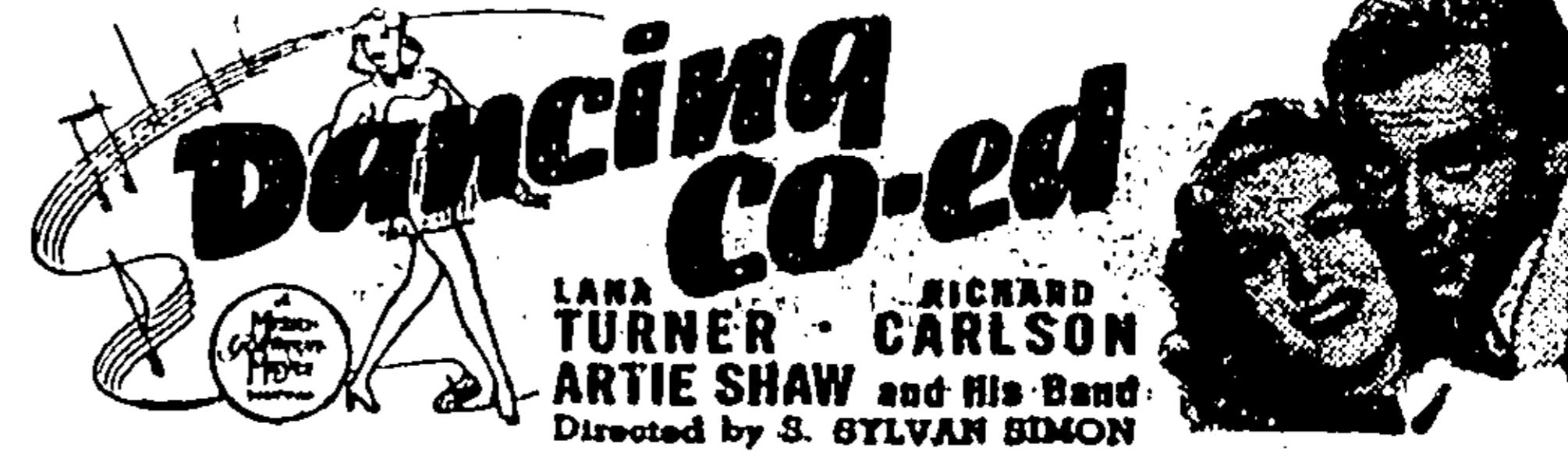
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MR. ALEXANDER'S DISCLOSURES OF DESTROYER DAMAGE

THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, SPEAKING TO THE ROYAL EMPIRE SOCIETY YESTERDAY, REVEALED THAT AFTER THE DEFECTION OF THE FRENCH FLEET AND OPERATIONS BY THE NAVY IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVACUATION OF NORWAY, HOLLAND AND BELGIUM AND FRANCE, THERE WERE MORE THAN 70 DESTROYERS UNDERGOING REPAIR IN DOCKYARDS DUE TO ENEMY DAMAGE.

Ten or eleven destroyers were sunk and heavy casualties suffered. The effect was that there was an immediate increase in the loss of merchant shipping tonnage which was not surprising.

First requirement was to place damaged ships in service again. This was done in spite of the ship-building and repairing industry which had been allowed to drop to too low a level in peace time, which meant the organisation of additional workers and the training of workers, in itself a large task.

Nevertheless the ships came out and though we did not build to the extent we desired, it was amazing how much we had done to stiffen the strength of the Fleet in succeeding months.

French Defection

In addition to new destroyers and cruisers there had been added to the Fleet tremendously important ships known as corvettes, "which we have now in very large numbers and I hope to get in increasing numbers."

Mr. Alexander added that the defection of the French fleet required the drafting of ships engaged in escort duty in the Atlantic to the Mediterranean, to take the place of casualties, which made the task of other escorting ships more difficult.

"I will say, despite any criticism, that the work was being done with such a measure of success as to enable all of us not to know anything of the pangs of hunger."

Dealing with the Battle of the Atlantic, Mr. Alexander said it was quite certain that in the last four months improved organisation in the north-west approaches had resulted in a weight of attack on enemy submarines which had meant that the enemy could not stop there and take it but had to go to other areas.

Air Menace

Regarding the menace from air attack, he pointed out that in the whole of the last war, when the huge tonnage of 12 millions were sunk by enemy action, only 3,000 tons succumbed to air attack.

To-day we had to face air attack on our shipping not only in our own coastal waters but in the Mediterranean as well.

What the Royal Navy rejoiced to see was the extent to which our Air Force, in the last few weeks, was beginning to take toll of enemy shipping, of which we had already sunk or captured 3,200,000 tons since war started.

Perfectly Grand

In a tribute to the work of the Merchant Navy, Mr. Alexander concluded: "It is perfectly grand when one hears of a merchant ship putting down a submarine or of a little ship off the north-east coast of Scotland coming into port with the remains of two aeroplanes on its decks, or hearing of the shooting down of a great and powerful long-range Nazi bomber." — British Wireless.

WAR ON SHANGHAI TERRORISTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The murder of Mr. Chikayuki Akagi, Japanese Deputy Commissioner in the Shanghai Settlement Police, is expected to result in the shattering of the large terrorist gang responsible for many killings.

One of the pair of assassins has been handed over to the Japanese gendarmerie, together with three suspects arrested in police raids, and it is expected they will give information leading to the discovery and apprehension of the entire ring.

Mr. Jack Liddell, Chairman of the S.M.C., has written a letter of condolence to the Japanese consul-general and ordered Municipal flags to be flown at half-mast. Attacked in his car while taking his sick wife to hospital, Mr. Akagi was the second Deputy Commissioner to be shot recently. Deputy Commissioner Yao Tseng-moo was assassinated several months ago. — International News Service.

AIR TRAINING CORPS SUCCESS

Replying to a Commons question the Air Secretary said the progress of the Air Training Corps continues to give cause for satisfaction.

The number of units formed is now 1340 with a total strength of about 190,000 cadets.

Over 5,000 candidates for commissions have been accepted for service with the Corps and some 740 units have been affiliated to R.A.F. stations. — British Wireless.

FOUR SHOT DOWN

It is now known that a fourth enemy aircraft was shot down over Britain on Monday night, says a British Wireless message.

The Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security stated last night: "Up to 7.30, nothing to report." — British Wireless.

NORWAY QUESTION

Approximately 11,700 French troops were sent to Norway at the time of the Nazi invasion, it was stated in the Commons yesterday. — British Wireless.

ELECTRIC SHOCK FROM TELEPHONE

Using a telephone in the Argyle Street Chinese Soldiers' Internment Camp during the height of a thunderstorm yesterday, an Indian Constable (B366), Mehan Khan, received an electric shock and has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital. His condition this morning was stated to have improved.

CONDUIT ROAD CRASH

The Conduit Road residence of Mr. K. Kuizumi, a member of the staff of the Japanese Consulate-General, was hastily evacuated this morning at about 9.20 a.m., when several tons of rock, the "tail-end" of a serious landslide higher up the hill, came crashing through the roof.

Although the building, a two-storey house, No. A7, was badly damaged, there were no casualties.

Higher up the hill, some hundreds of tons of earth and rock were brought down by the torrential rains of the last few days, sweeping down the sharp slope crossing the path above the house, and pouring rocks and rubble into the garden and on to the roof. Windows were smashed and the ground-floor living rooms were covered with earth and stones.

The damaged house is one of a group in close proximity to the Japanese Consul-General's residence.

Careful watch is now being kept as there appears to be danger of further falls from the precipitous slopes above the houses.

SHANGHAI PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Shanghai Consular Body has approved new Municipal by-laws dealing with public health measures and land taxation which were approved by the Annual Ratepayers' Meeting in April. — International News Service.

AIR SUPPORT FOR THE ARMY

Replying to a Commons question the Secretary for War stated that for the past 18 months there has been a section at the War Office whose sole task was co-operation with the Air Ministry on all aspects of air support for the Army. — British Wireless.

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UNREALITIES IN INDIA

The strange contradictions always presented by Indian politics were never more apparent than they are to-day. On the one hand the Congress Party, still the most powerful political organisation in the country, continues to refuse co-operation with the Government and to oppose and boycott the organisation of resistance to tyrannies which its leaders have unsparingly condemned. The All-India Moslem League, second only to the Congress in numbers and its equal in organisation, declines to co-operate with the Government unless they fall in with its scheme of dividing India into "two nations," a Hindu Hindustan and a Moslem Pakistan—a programme which no student of Indian history, and indeed no Indian patriot, can regard without the gravest misgiving. As if this were not enough, the Mahasabha Party, which represents the conservative Hindus of the higher castes, now comes along with an appeal to Hindus to join the fighting services, not because of a deep sense of the importance of this war to India, but because alarm has developed at the military training being acquired by Indians of the Muslim faith. Regarded from the political angle the picture is gloomy enough to arouse serious misgivings. Yet it does not reproduce all the facts of the situation. The wheels of Government turn without interruption; the Indian war-effort expands daily with the support of those supposed to be the chief allies of the Congress; the Princes and notables of the land are aiding the Raj in every possible way. It is impossible to resist the conclusion that there is a certain unreality in the attitudes of the chief Indian party leaders.

Certainly there are increasing signs that thoughtful elements in India recognise this, and are becoming increasingly critical of the policy followed by Mr. Gandhi and until recently by Mr. Jinnah. Mr. Gandhi, having ordered some 3,000 prominent members of his party to defy the law and insist on being imprisoned by a reluctant Government, is more than ever a dictator; yet it is significant that part of the pro-Congress Press, led by "The Hindu," is becoming increasingly critical of his policy.



STEP BY STEP

The Fatal Years

Several books have been written about those momentous years in which Hitler built up his power. The diary of William Dodd who was the United States Ambassador between 1933 and the close of 1937, gives a particularly vivid and illuminating picture. Dodd was a cultivated man, an historian, holding liberal and democratic views, and his comments and descriptions show that he was a man of insight who es-

caped the illusions that blinded so many of his contemporaries. His liberal views were displayed in his criticism of the fiscal policy of the United States—"Nations cannot set up hard and fast barriers," he said, "and then expect payment of international debts"—and in his strong regrets that President Wilson had failed to persuade his countrymen that the United States should join the League of Nations. His democratic views were displayed in his criticisms of the habits and conventions of diplomacy.

"The Louis VIX and Victoria style and times had passed. The nations of the world were bankrupt, including our own. It was time to cease grand style performances. . . . I urged the necessity of having ambassadors and assistants who knew the history and traditions of the countries to which they were sent, men who think of their own country's interest, not so much about a different suit of clothes each day."

It is important, when we reflect on the disastrous failure of the civilised world to protect itself from the growing peril in Germany, to note how its diplomatic arrangements struck this observant man.

Hitler Wiles

These pages bring out clearly the success of Hitler in drawing Germans, even sceptical and hostile Germans, into his orbit. Professors and scientists who used at first to come to Dodd to air their dislike of the Nazi regime gradually became less hostile and then actual sympathisers. Hitler tried his wiles on Dodd, going so far on one occasion, when they were driving together, as to make his chauffeur stop and tear down incendiary posters against the Jews. Dodd understood him, and never fell into the illusion from which some of his diplomatic colleagues suffered, that he was at heart a man of peace who had no ambitions that threatened Europe. Dodd described him in March, 1934, as being sincere in his talk of peaceful purposes, with the reservation that he wanted peace on his own terms, and that those terms included the domination of Europe. He has shrewd and vivid pictures of Hitler, Goebbels, and Goering, whom he aptly compares with the ruthless buccaneers in Roman politics. His account of Goering's hospitality, first in the woods of the National Park, with bisons and little wild horses, then at the sham medieval house he built for his hunting lodge, recalls the extravagances by which Potemkin used to amuse the Empress Catherine when travelling in Russia.

Weak Defences

It is easy to see from the conversations described in these pages how weak were the defences of the civilised world against this new power. It should have been obvious from the first that the other nations must combine in defence of their principles. But this they could not do. Even Britain and the United States could not always recognise their common interest. In December, 1933, Dodd found from conversations with Sir Eric Phipps that Britain was less ready than the United States to oppose Japanese aggression in the Far East. The difference between France and Britain over Italy was described in a statement by Armand Berard, whom Dodd described as an intimate friend of the French Ambassador.

"France is perturbed, especially at England's acceptance of Hitler's promises as sincere. We cannot believe he is pacific, but the French people will not go to war. We made a pact with Italy last year, much as we disliked Mussolini, simply to stop German aggression, and we had to promise him the annexation of Abyssinia. I hope Mussolini has sense enough to annex a little of the country at a time, as we did in Morocco. We have urged that upon the Italians. They may not observe this and precipitate trouble."

Not Taken In

Berard went on to give Dodd a piece of news. "Laval, our Foreign Minister, wishes to come here and talk with Hitler. My Ambassador is leaving for Paris to-night in order to stop this, if possible. We do not think any agreement with Germany can be made."

Another incident recorded in this book has a topical interest. In May, 1935, when Dodd thought Hitler was tricking England, with disastrous consequences, he said that however earnest and emphatic Hitler was in his professions of goodwill he was not taken in by them. Hitler had once told him that he "would throw any German official into the North Sea if he sent propaganda to the United States," and to strengthen the impression of his sincerity he had an order forbidding such propaganda cabled to German officials.

"But there are 600 employees in the foreign propaganda division now active in Berlin, nor was there any let-up in the United States in 1934, although perhaps for a time the consuls suspended activity." Dodd left full of gloom, certain that there was no hope unless the Powers of Europe were united and strongly armed to resist this ruthless Power.

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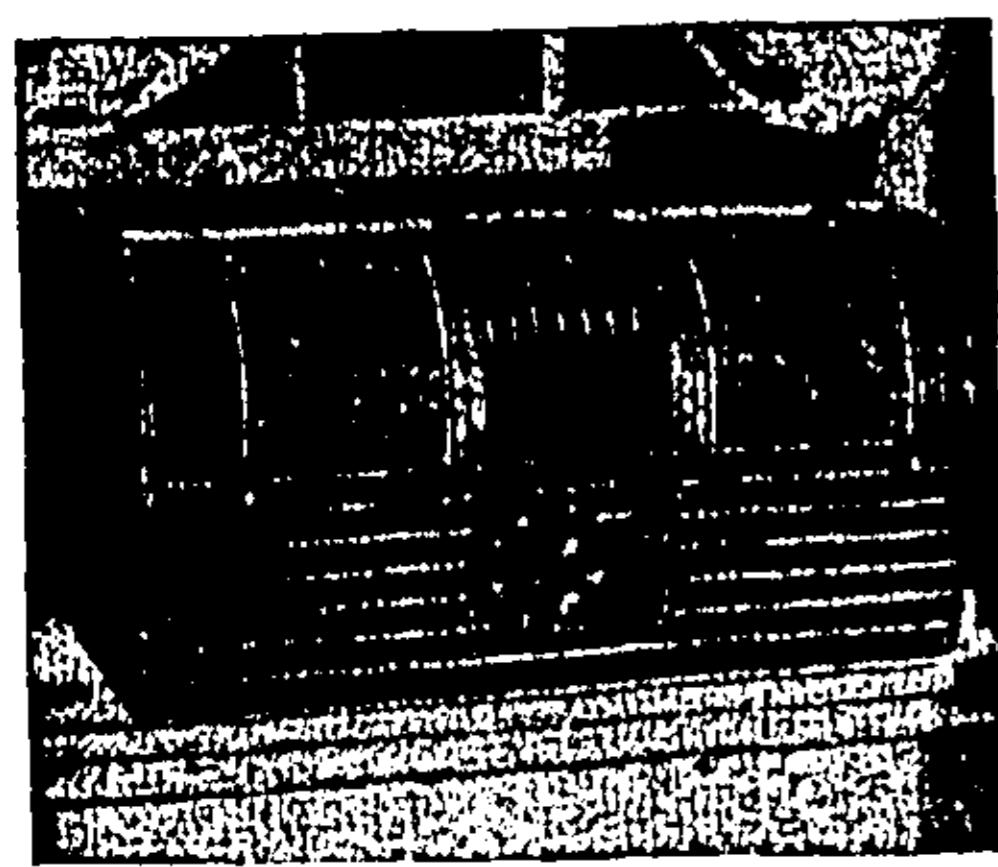
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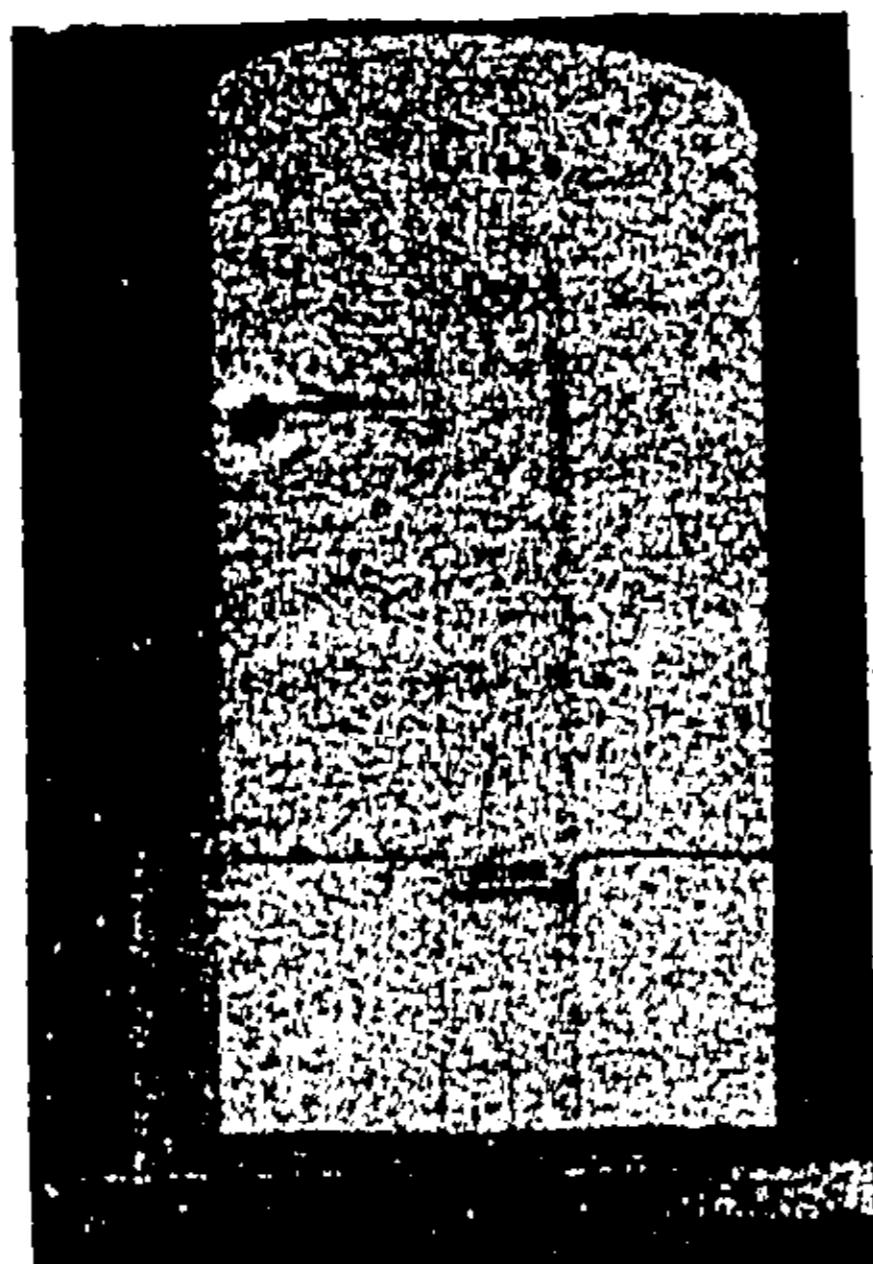
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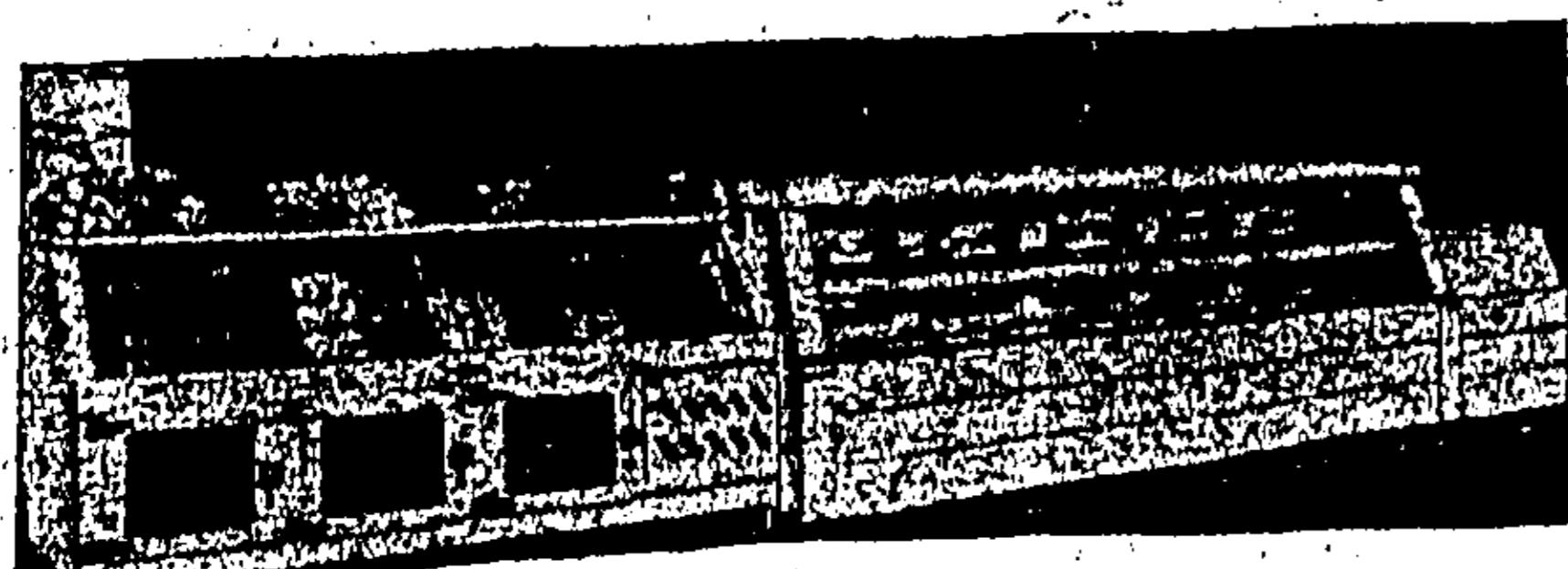
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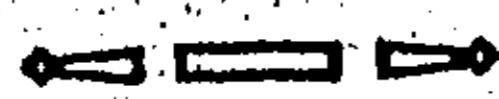
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Strasser Thinks Army-Nazi Rift Drove Hess Out

"THE MONTREAL HERALD" quoted Otto Strasser, leader of the anti-Nazi "Black Front," in a copyrighted interview as saying the flight of Deputy Fuehrer Rudolf Hess from Germany to Scotland seemed to indicate that the chiefs of the German Army and Reich Marshal Hermann Goering were seeking to overthrow the Nazi party.

"Within one hour of the accession of Goering to power, Goebbels (Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda Minister) and Heinrich Himmler (chief of the Gestapo, or secret police) would be shot dead," Strasser, one of the founders of the Nazi party, was quoted as saying. "That is why Hess, in my opinion, fled for his life."

Goering, Strasser said, is closer to the Prussian Army and leading industrialists than any one else in Germany. Hess, on the other hand, had always been Fuehrer Adolf Hitler's closest and most trusted friend and a party leader with Hitler and Himmler.

Strasser, who fled Germany in 1931 after a break with Hitler, added that between Goering and Hitler, Hess, Goebbels and Himmler, "the most intense jealousy is evident."

"This is not a new story," he went on. "It is an old story to those who have known Rudolf Hess — and I have known him for twenty years. . . . The background of this schism between Goering and the army group and Hitler, Hess and Himmler — the three H's we call them in Germany — is the same background to-day.

Indication Of Unrest

"All is not so well in Germany as people would think. Within that country there is unrest. And this sudden and spectacular escape of one of Hitler's most trusted lieutenants is an indication of that unrest."

Strasser also expressed conviction that Hitler would attempt an invasion of Great Britain — "even if it means not only the destruction of the German Army but his own suicidal death." Strasser suggested the following programme for German defeat:

1. Anti-Hitler propaganda among prisoners of war.

2. An organisation to propagandise German nationals within the United States and South America.

3. Fomenting internal unrest within Germany and German-occupied territories by means of short-wave radio stations, pamphlets and parachutists.

4. Creation of an independent and democratic "Free German Legion."

5. Creation of an authoritative German National Council including Bruening, Treviranus, Rauschmann, Thomas Mann, Sollmann, Holtmann and Otto Strasser.

[All these men are now in exile, either in Britain, Canada or the United States. Heinrich Bruening was formerly Chancellor of the German Republic. Dr. F. Wilhelm Sollmann, former Secretary of the Interior in pre-Hitler Germany, is now a member of the faculty of Pendle Hill, Quaker school at Wallingford, Pa. Thomas Mann was exiled for his writings. Gottfried R. Treviranus was a German political leader before the Nazi party came to power.]

2 ME.'S AND CHARLIE

Two Me. 109s tried to bump off Charlie Taylor and two pals at sea recently.

Neither Charlie nor his pals were hurt.

And they were not discouraged.

They had some fish to catch.

They caught them and returned to a south-east port.

Charlie, who is sixty-eight, has seven sons serving Britain. He said:

"It's the third time now they have gunned me. A few weeks ago, when they attacked the same boat, they killed one of my companions."

He auctioned the boat's catch, then went off to prepare for another trip.

BRITISH VIOLIN STRINGS FOR KREISLER

Kreisler, Suggia, Marie Hall, and many another famous violinist or cellist, will in future use strings made from the gut of Scottish or Welsh sheep instead of from Italian sheep.

The reason is that the man who makes their strings, James Kelway Toms, unable to obtain supplies of the Italian gut, has worked out a new process which will render instrument strings from the "home-made" sheep almost as serviceable.

For nearly 50 years Mr. Toms has been making violin strings in his modest workshop in the Somerset country town of Wellington.

Here, in the shadow of the Quantocks, come letters and cablegrams from musicians all over the world ordering strings for violin that have cost thousands of pounds.

The blockade, which has put many German and Italian firms of instrument string makers out of business, has brought him new customers.

FORGIVEN BY CABLE

A dramatic cable "forgiving wife everything" from her soldier husband interned in Switzerland was read at Chester recently when a charge of attempted murder against Mrs. Charlotte Eleanor Hopkins, of St. Martin's Ash was withdrawn.

Mrs. Hopkins then pleaded guilty to ill-treating her seven-year-old daughter Pauline. It was stated that she attempted to administer iodine to the child.

In his cable the husband said: "Forgiving wife everything. Prepared to swear on oath she was always splendid and conscientious and loving mother. My earnest wish that broadest view of case be taken to enable wife to make fresh start."

Dr. Cormack said that the woman was anxious about her husband, and had also worried over the death of her other child in December. She had been depressed and admitted misconduct with another man.

Mrs. Hopkins, who was bound over, undertook to live with relatives for three months.

"DIDN'T THINK ABOUT IT"

For a fortnight fifteen-year-old Doris Frost and eighteen-year-old Joan Frost — they are not related — stuck to their telephone switchboard posts at Tottenham, N. Food Control Office while a live A.A. shell was being removed from beneath their office floor where it had burrowed.

The Food Control Committee commended them recently, and disclosed that only a thin wall separated the shell from the two girls.

Said Doris: "Why, we didn't even think about it!"

UNITED IN EXILE

A married aliens camp is to be opened in Port St. Mary, Isle of Man, to accommodate 250 families, mostly German Jews.

CLIMBED INTO TAXI-ING 'PLANE

Further details of the daring rescue of a British pilot from an enemy aerodrome by a colleague flying a single-seater fighter were made known by the Air Ministry.

The incident occurred after Diredawa aerodrome, Abyssinia, had been attacked by a South African squadron, which destroyed at least 10 Italian planes.

The rescued pilot, a D.F.C. captain, said: "I was forced to land and was just going to set fire to my machine when I noticed another pilot of my flight firing at enemy troops to keep them away from me. I never dreamed he would land, for anti-aircraft guns were firing at him continuously."

"When I saw he had landed I ran as fast as I could and climbed on the plane, clinging to his shoulders as he taxied along, with the Italians firing at us all the time. Eventually we made a pretty good take-off."

All the rescuer would say was: "It wasn't very comfortable with two of us in the cockpit."

JUNKERS REFUSE A FIGHT

Two Junkers 87 dive-bombers appeared at a town on the South Coast. They flew at a considerable height along the front, possibly looking for some objective to attack.

A Westland Lysander Army cooperation aircraft happened to be cruising in the same area. It is not a type well suited to making attacks on enemy dive-bombers, and it was at a tactical disadvantage as it was much lower than the German planes.

Nevertheless it climbed strongly and attempted to engage the two enemy aircraft. It got nearly within range and began firing. The two bombers immediately made off towards the coast of France.

NEW SECRET DEFENCE DEVICES ARE SUCCESS

In the last British invasion manoeuvres completely new means of detecting enemy forces were extremely successful.

The existence of new British secret means of defence in case of invasion was reported in the B.B.C. broadcast for the German forces.

GERMAN THREAT TO RUSSIA: LONDON CAUTION

CONFLICTING TALES OF GERMAN INTENTIONS REGARDING RUSSIA ARE RECEIVED IN LONDON WITH RESERVE.

Reports of German troop concentrations on the Russian frontiers, which are not specifically denied by official Moscow statements, may be accounted for in various ways.

Hitler may be following his well-known technique of trying to enforce economic concessions by a show of armed might without the need of fighting at all.

Alternatively he may be carrying to a logical conclusion the plan laid down in "Mein Kampf" for the shattering of Russian military power.

There may be other entirely valid reasons in the Nazi mind. One of them might conceivably be an effort to confuse not only British and American leaders but also their peoples by gigantic successes in the East and thus weaken their resolution in the battle in the west.

Such a manoeuvre is doomed to failure, as it is well understood by the Democrats that their task is the destruction of Nazism—nothing less.

The Main Task

Imposing feats by Hitler in other fields, even if followed by spectacular results, leave that task unchanged and unimpaired.

Relentlessly, in the "Premier's" words, Britain will fight the Germans wherever she finds them.

Whatever the result of the present situation in German and Russian relations, Britain, while interested to see whether Hitler succeeds in a fresh "double-cross," will not permit her war effort to be affected in the slightest degree.—British Wireless.

SOUND NERVES IN BRITAIN

Surprisingly good health and wonderful nerves is the summarised verdict on Britain in war-time brought back to Washington by Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon-General of the United States Public Health Service, after spending a month and a half there.

Not only had there not been any epidemics in England, he said, but influenza was less prevalent than in the United States.

The British character, he considered, was the chief factor enabling the nation's inhabitants to pull through repeated air raids without appreciable effect on their nerves. There were very few cases of shellshock.

Dr. Parran praised highly health and sanitary measures adopted in air-raid shelters, correcting the impression prevalent in the United States that they were bad.

There was not any shortage of hospital beds, but the hospitals "could use some of our American doctors," Dr. Parran declared.

NAZIS FEAR BRITISH FIRE BOMBS

Hungarians returning to Budapest from the Leipzig Fair say the new British incendiary bombs are greatly feared in Germany.

Films are being shown to teach people how to deal with the fire bombs, but the methods depicted are said to be useless.

The current joke in Germany is: "Have you read the new book by Keitel, 'Seven Years' Blitzkrieg against England?"

Throughout the country Italy is now referred to as occupied territory, and the greeting Hell Hitler is now generally dispensed with, say the Hungarians.

Irish Channel Heroism

Survivors from the s.s. Saint Patrick, bombed and sunk by a German aircraft, have told of the heroism and bravery of the wireless operator and a stewardess.

The wireless room was wrecked but the wireless operator, R. N. Campbell, groping his way in complete darkness to the wireless emergency set, stood amongst the debris and sent off two messages for assistance.

Directly the ship was attacked a stewardess, Miss Owen, at once collected the women and children from the cabins and led them to the boatdeck.

When a boat had been launched she took charge of the boatload of children and looked after them until they were picked up and taken to port.—British Wireless.

INVASION TEST HORROR

From the town of Moulins in occupied France I have received an account of a remarkable and fatal experiment carried out by the Germans during one of their frequent practices for the invasion of Britain, writes a correspondent.

The Nazis sprayed petrol on a lonely reach of the River Allier outside the town. Then they set it alight. Troops in supposedly fireproof overalls were ordered to plunge into the resulting sea of flame.

The test ended in disaster. The garments proved no protection. Some men were burned to death and others severely scarred.

Secret Experiment

It is impossible to discover the exact number of casualties or the scope of the experiment, since it was carried out secretly. But my information comes from a French doctor who was called to attend the victims. A number of cases he saw were beyond aid.

It is firmly believed in France, among the occupation troops as well as the civilian population, that a German expedition set out across the Channel last autumn, but was destroyed through British naval units spraying petrol on the sea and igniting it by incendiary bullets.

This story has never been confirmed nor denied by official British quarters, but it had and still has a powerful effect on the morale of the German troops.

They believe they are going to be sent on a suicidal expedition against Britain, and face the prospect with unconcealed dread.

Invasion drill still forms part of their routine training.

NURSES AID BOMBED SISTERS

Nurses at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, are raising money to send to nurses in Britain who have either been left homeless or have lost all they possessed through German bombing.

VILLA FOR AIR MARSHAL BOYD

News of Air Marshal O. T. Boyd's life as a prisoner-of-war in Italy has been received from a British airman, who is acting as his servant.

The Marshal was captured by the Italians when flying to the Middle East to take up an appointment last winter. His plane made a forced descent in Sicily.

In a letter home from a camp at Sulmona, about 80 miles east of Rome, Leading Aircraftman Arnold McPhlinie, whose mother lives in the Isle of Man, states:

"Air Marshal Boyd arrived at Sulmona on Christmas Eve and, being the equivalent of a General in the army, is well looked after.

"They gave him a posh villa, formerly owned by a nobleman, and also sent two Air Force sergeants to look after him. One sergeant is the cook, the other a kind of butler, and I am a butler-cum-valet to the Marshal and his A.D.C. As we were bearded and wearing Italian clothes, the Marshal and his A.D.C. believed we were Italian soldiers."

"It was very amusing when they found out we were British. It happened when I was serving dinner on the first night.

Perfect English

"I had not previously spoken to them, and when I eventually did say something to the A.D.C., he turned to the Marshal in amazement and said: 'Doesn't the man speak perfect English, Sir?' I told them I was a British airman, and didn't they laugh!"

WEIGHT OF TAXES

An illustration of the weight of direct taxation was given in the Commons by the Chancellor of the Exchequer moving the resolution to enable obligations to pay sums of money such as annuities free of income tax to be modified.

Sir Kingsley Wood pointed out that the obligation to pay 14/- free of tax required a gross before the war of £1 whereas with existing taxation 29/- would now be required.—British Wireless.

CONFERENCE ON NAUGHTY CHILDREN

Police chiefs, magistrates, education directors and welfare workers recently met at the Home Office to discuss ways of keeping naughty children out of mischief.

Since war began there has been a steep rise in the number of child offenders, which has put a great strain on accommodation in remand homes.

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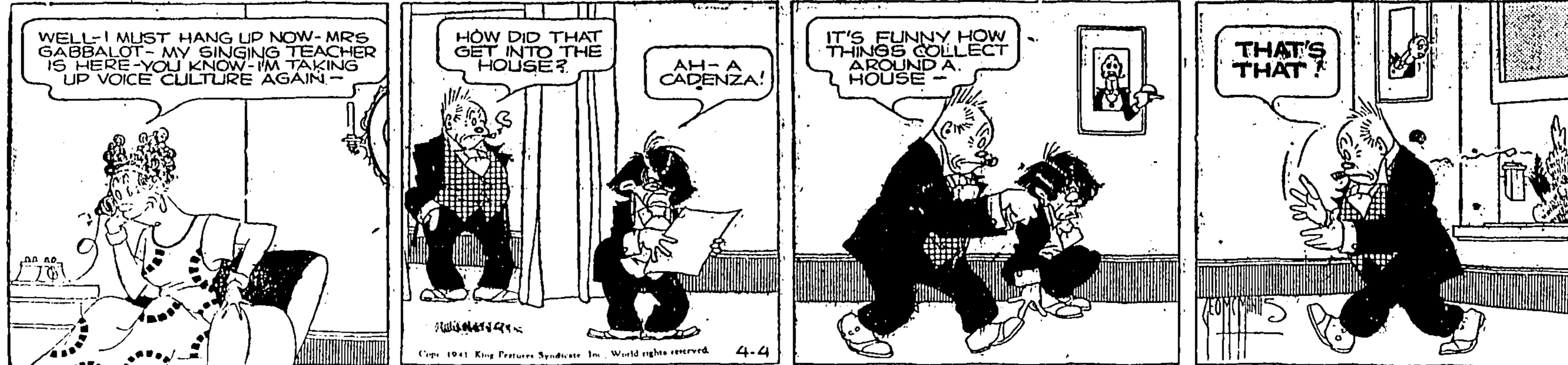
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Children Aren't Born Criminals

What does the War mean to children?

Monica Pearson has been talking to Magistrates who sit in Juvenile Courts, to Probation Officers and Social Workers in many parts of Britain. She tells here some of the facts and opinions she has learnt about the Children who have been hit by the War.

"We are ... breeding a race of young criminals." This was the openly expressed verdict of the Recorder, Mr. Noel B. Goldie, K.C., M.P., at the Manchester Quarter Sessions recently.

Certainly the figures on the calendar presented to him were sufficiently grim to excuse a hint of pessimism. There were 62 cases, and apart from three, the whole of the offences had been committed by young men under the age of 25, the majority being youths between 17 and 20.

Elsewhere the report of the Chief Constable of Liverpool shows that the number of juveniles proceeded against for larcenies and breakings-in during the fourth quarter of 1940, was the highest on record.

Without going into further figures, I can say that in almost every part of the country there is an increase in figures for delinquency among juveniles and adolescents. Sometimes the rise is a steep one. There are, moreover, restlessness and difficulties in approved schools on an unprecedented scale. There is a vast increase in the number of girls, some of them as young as 12 years, drifting into society and circumstances fraught with grave moral danger.

I have talked to men and women who are in close touch with this most urgent problem. I have spoken to probation officers, school teachers, school psychologists, Magistrates, heads of approved schools, medical men and police men.

I have sat in juvenile courts, toured evacuation and reception areas, schools and shelters.

As a result, I am firmly convinced that there is a solution.

I do not quarrel with the harsh phraseology of Manchester's Recorder. Unless facts are stated somewhat violently, due attention will not be paid to their urgency.

Rival Cures

But when he states, "The position is appalling in the middle of a war like this," I must take exception. I would say, rather, that the position is inevitable in a war like this—unless we extend and adjust certain social services.

Our main concern should be, not to hold up hands of horror and say, "Tut, tut, how shocking!" but that we should tackle the problem in the right way.

There are three schools of thought. At one end is the "Bless 'em all" attitude of aged Magistrates, often infirm, frequently deaf, and at times in their dotage, at whose nursery rebukes the young sinners in Juvenile Courts, barely repress their contemptuous sniggers.

At the other extreme is the "Flog 'em all" school.

In between are those who have made the whole question their life's work and study, and who have many concrete proposals to put forward.

Angered Police

Actually, one set of extremists helps to produce the other. I sat in our Juvenile court recently where an 80-year-old chairman, no doubt benevolent, kind and worthy, addressed one youngster after another in terms so unimpressive—even though interspersed with legal terms that no youngster would ever understand—that

the children left the court with an air of triumph.

Local police, who had spent much time and trouble in following up the cases, were exasperated. A burly inspector murmured in my ear that a few good sound thrashings would soon put a stop to these cases.

He pointed out to me one boy whom he described as a "thorough bad 'un." Perhaps he was, and if I had been the inspector and he had looked at me with that air of cheeky triumph, I, too, might have felt exasperated.

But he was a boy of fine physique and good mentality, a lively and too active child. A thrashing certainly wouldn't turn him into a good boy, but the right supervision, training and full occupation might make him into a fine citizen.

Mercifully, the court boasted an elderly probation officer of great experience and much wisdom to counteract the futility of

By Monica Pearson

the Magistrates and the somewhat crude outlook of the police.

But taking the same view as the burly inspector, and with considerably less excuse, are such bodies as the Nottingham Education Committee, whose members were reported to have been so alarmed at the misdemeanour of boys that they sent a letter to the local Magistrates asking them to use the birch more frequently!

Please note this phrase! They don't ask even for the birch to be used for certain types or certain offences, but just "more frequently." The "Flog 'em all" school definitely.

War Courses

Here are briefly the principal causes of the increase in delinquency figures for which these worthies believe that the birch is the one infallible cure:

First, evacuation, and under this heading come disruption of social services (redistribution of the child population was not followed by adequate redistribution of these services), unsuitable billeting, violent change in surroundings and background leading to instability and nervous troubles, half-time school resulting in far too much undirected leisure, break up of the family unit.

Then there are the fatherless homes. Father's dictatorship often has to do duty for good training, and when the dictatorship is withdrawn, John and Jane proceed to run amok.

Most potent cause is the black-out with its opportunities for crime and theft, its effect in closing clubs and holding up the work of evening Institutes. Important, too, is the shelter where

young people can not only escape from parental or other control, but where they can, and do, find refuge when they abscond from home and Approved School.

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The N.S.P.C.C. has lost 80 inspectors. It was their job to see that homes do not develop into breeding grounds for juvenile delinquency.

Another exceedingly important factor is the reduction in accommodation in Approved Schools. For some years there has been an urgent need for more accommodation because of the realisation that an increase in prevention means a decrease in prison population.

After-Care

Evacuation of schools and the call-up of schoolmasters has greatly increased the urgency of that need.

It has meant that all terms of committal both for Borstal and for Approved Schools have to be shortened, which, as any good head will tell you, may lead not only to the failure of the effort to reclaim the individual, but to the spread of delinquency.

Here's a concrete instance. A lad, with a bad previous record, was recently released after only seven months in Borstal. He immediately organised fellow-shelterers to steal cars and break into premises, and became the "brains" of a gang of youths.

Mr. H. E. Norman, secretary of the Probation Officers' Association and one of the foremost authorities on juvenile problems in the country, writes in "Probation": "This resort to rapid turn-over in re-education is likely to produce new difficulties in the after-care question.

"After-care, for the duration of the war and for many years after, will have to be regarded as a specialised form of social work . . ." He adds a proposal for pooling after-care work with the appointment of whole-time regional social workers "without delay."

Sex Offences

Also concerned is the matron of a girls' home in the Midlands, a woman superbly successful with her very human and progressive methods and pioneer treatment. Girl delinquents are sent to her when other methods fail.

For almost the first time in her difficult but brilliant career she is, she confessed to me, troubled and depressed.

"I am having far too many girls absconding, and where we had formerly a collection of girls with a variety of offences, we are now having a great many of one type, sex types. It's the general unrest, weakening of parental control, and above all, the glamour of uniform.

"The influence of the absconders—they can always take refuge in shelters in war time—is a menace to the rest of the school work. There should be a separate school for such girls.

"Then, too, there should be separate treatment for girls who are emotionally and mentally unstable. Many of them are of average and even of high mental capacity, and should not be subjected to the same treatment as the mentally sub-normal."

Her girls, she told me, were too old for psychological treatment.

In connection with this it is of interest to note how evacuation has affected the psychological department of a city boasting one of the best educational systems in the country.

To this city has been sent a batch of evacuees, the complete

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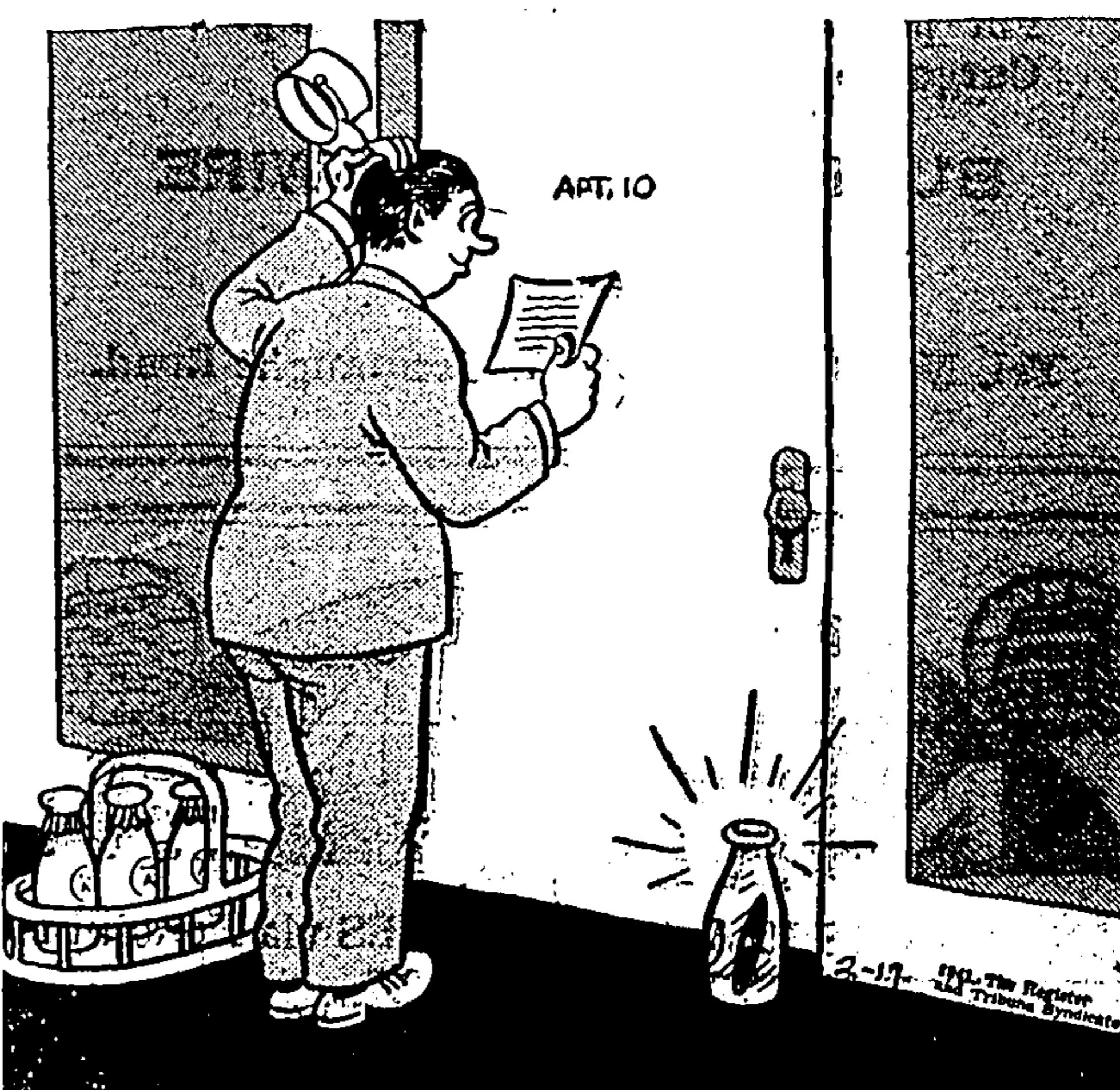
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population of an institution for war when evening institute and club work came almost to a standstill, dropped down considerably this winter when means were found to open up these services again.

Responsibility

All these thinking, experienced people were agreed that the uncertainty, the disruption, the abnormality, the tension of life while the world is in the melting pot must have its effect on the youngsters, apart from the individual changes wrought in their own lives.

The glamour of uniforms has seized the imagination of the girls, the glamour of war has taken hold of the young boys.

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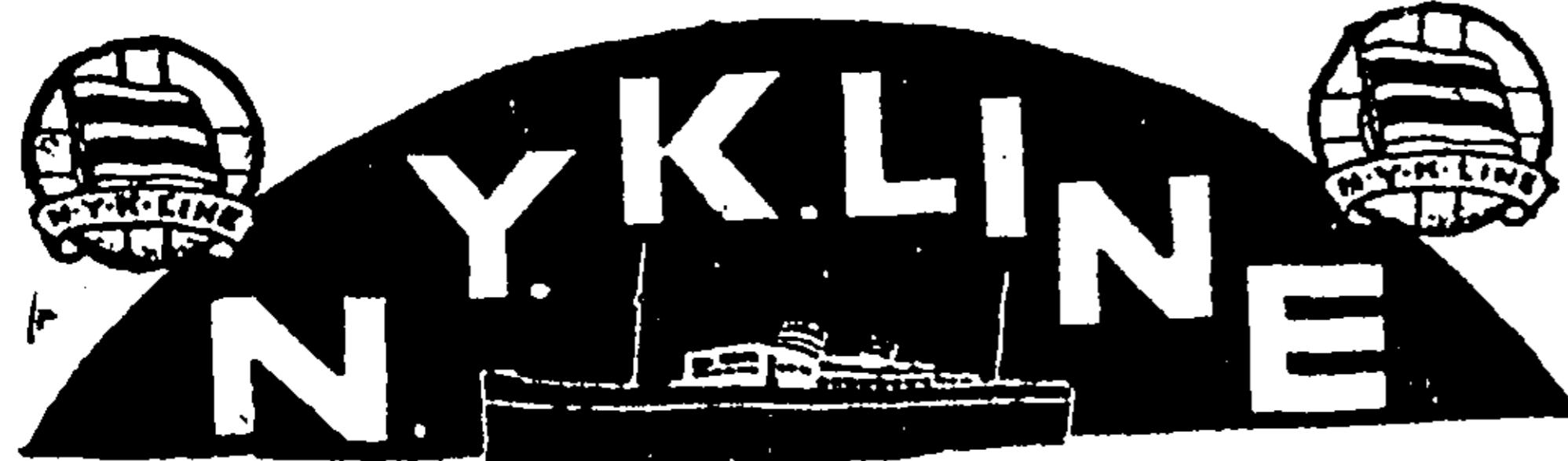
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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Billy Mayerl (Piano) and Orchestra.

Billy Mayerl Memories—Intro: Sweet William; Green Tulips; Marigold; Chopsticks; Ace of Spades; Ace of Diamonds; Bats in the Belfry. . . . Billy Mayerl & his Claviers. Where The Blue Begins (Alm 'Top of the World')—Intro: Love stay in my heart; Fools Rush In (Mercer, Bloom). . . . Billy Mayerl (Piano). Fox-Trots—Love Was Born; Stranger in Cup of Tea (both from 'Crazy Days'). . . . Bill Mayerl & his Orchestra.

1.20 p.m.—Duologues by Arthur Askey and Richard Murdoch.

Talking Shop (Askey & Murdoch).

Blocking Out the Flat (Askey & Murdoch).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Vaughan Williams.

Is My Team Ploughing . . . Keith Falkner (Vocal) with Piano accomp. Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis. . . . The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult. Silent Noon . . . Stuart Robertson (Baritone) with Piano accomp.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Nat Shilkret & His Orchestra and Ina Souez (Soprano).

The Doll Dance (Brown) . . . Nat Shilkret & his Orchestra. Love Everlasting (Friml). . . . Ina Souez (Soprano) with Orchestra. Flap-petite (Greer) . . . Nat Shilkret & his Orchestra. I Want Your Heart (Haydn Wood) . . . Ina Souez (Soprano) with Orchestra. "Dollar Princess"—Medley (Fall) . . . Nat Shilkret & his Orchestra. Love, I Give You My All (from 'Luana'); Always (from 'Puritan Lullaby'—Dyrenforth & Smith). . . . Ina Souez (Soprano) with Orchestra.

7.17 p.m.—Violin Solos.

Serenade (Arensky): Intermezzo ('Cavalleria Rusticana') . . . Albert Sammons with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore. Zapateado, Op. 23 (Sarasate); Hungarian Dance No. 7 in A Major (Brahms—Joachim) . . . Yehudi Menuhin with Piano accomp. by Marcel Gazeille.

7.30 p.m.—Compositions of Purcell.

A Trumpet Voluntary (for Brass and Organ) . . . Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Hallé Orchestra; Solo Trumpet: Alex. Harris; Organist: Harold Dawber. Nymphs and Shepherds . . . Elsie Sudaby (Soprano) with Piano. Hornpipe in E Minor: Minuet: Cannaries; Hornpipe in D Major. . . . The Pipers' Guild Quartet. Passing By . . . Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano accomp. Suite from Dido and Aeneas (Scored for Modern Orchestra by Cailliet). Overture-Adagio: Allegro moderato—Tempo di Minuetto-Lento: Prelude for the Witches—Echo Dance of the Furies—Ritornelle—Prelude to Act 3—Recit. & Aria "When I am laid in earth" . . . Eugene Ormandy & the Philadelphia Orch.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

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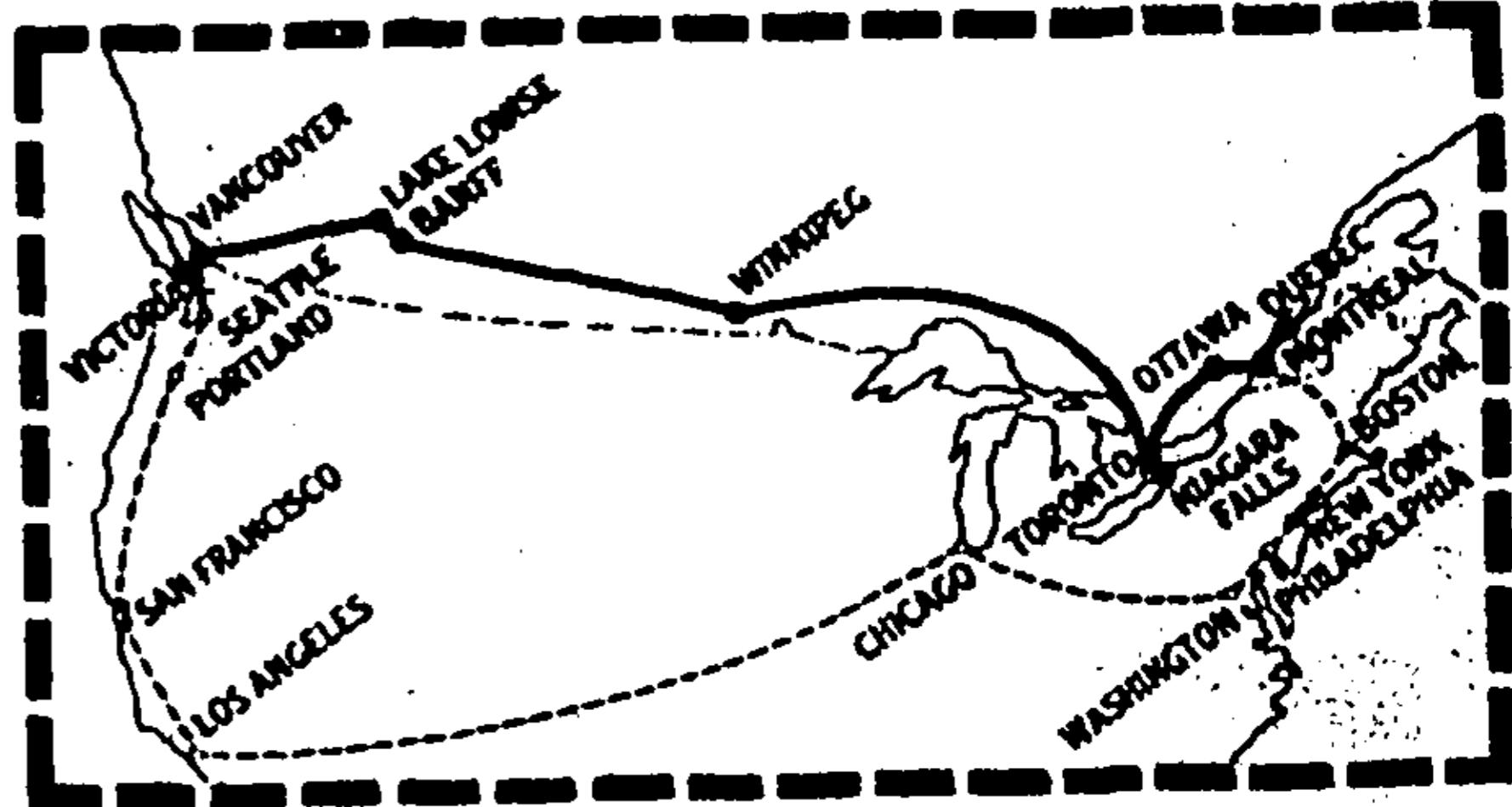
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10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Slow Fox-Trot—I Won't Tell A Soul—Roy Fox & his Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Birds of a Feather; It's Always You (both from "The Road to Zambar"). . . . Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra. Slow-Gitano—Ya No Te Quiero; Paso-Doble—Coplas... Orchestre Manolo Bel Et Ses Muchachos. Fox-Trot—I Hear Bluebirds; Waltz—I'll Be Waiting For You. . . . The Organ, The Dance Band and Me. Quicksteps—Little Spanish Shawl; Li'l Liza Jane. Harry Roy & his Orchestra. Tangos—Love Has Entered My Heart; Farewell—My Love . . . Robert Renard Dance Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trot—Coconut Grove; The Hour of Parting. . . . Benny Goodman & his Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Correspondence Column". Talk by Sidney Hornblow.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

ROAD DEATH OF A.T.S. COOK

Soldier Charged With Murder

William Thomas Flack, 21, a private in the Royal Corps of Signals, was at Chichester remanded, charged with the murder on the Chichester to Funtington road of Mrs. Lilian Margaret Welch, of the A.T.S.

Supt. Savage stated that Flack was arrested recently. A number of enquiries were made, and the matter was in the hands of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Asked if he had any objection to a remand, Flack replied, "No reason at all, sir."

Evidence, including that of Sir Bernard Spilsbury, given at the inquest on Mrs. Welch, pointed to the fact that she had been run down by a heavy motor vehicle and killed. An open verdict was returned.

Mrs. Welch was the wife of a gardener who lived a few miles from Chichester, and on the night of the tragedy she was cycling home alone from her work as an A.T.S. cook at a barracks.

PUT UP HIS COLLARS

George Taylor, a partner in the firm of W. and G. Taylor, tailors, of Trinity Street, Cambridge, was fined £1 with three guineas costs at Cambridge for selling two collars at 1s. 6d. each, instead of 1s. 3d.

TOWN MAKES ITS OWN NEWS REEL

(By A Special Correspondent)

OUT OF ITS POPULATION of 9,678 the little Lincolnshire town of Louth has 9,677 film actors. Odd man out is Mr. E. B. Rawlings, and he'd be in the picture, too, if he wasn't the cameraman.

For Louth has the distinction of its own exclusive news reels, bringing it in pictures all the news of its own little world. Trouble is that there isn't much of the stuff on which news reels are made in Louth. The last big happening there was the Flood—the town's own particular flood, which was front page news twenty-one years ago.

But Mr. G. H. Hallam and Mr. Rawlings of the Playhouse Cinema, make what they can of Mayor's Day, the presence of celebrities in the town and freak weather scenes.

War Weapons Weeks has just come to their aid to provide them with real, live, uncensored news.

Portly Mr. Hallam shares in the camera work and provides the running commentary.

When a little comedy is indicated, he usually has to become an actor and supply the custard pie humour.

But Mr. Hallam has the last

laugh. His commentary varies with each performance. When he spots in the audience somebody who is also on the news reel, he makes a good-natured crack about him.

Disney Didn't Know

They have shown ambitious films, such as a "travel" film of local beauty spots and a "short" of activities in a day nursery.

The film was so popular that fans wrote to say that it was better than "Snow White," in the same programme.

"We kept the news from Walt Disney," said Mr. Hallam, "but it was good to get our own fan mail."

Before Whitehall had had the idea, they had produced a film showing how to deal with an incendiary bomb.

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OOLONG BEST CHINA PONY ON VIEW AT THE VALLEY

Then Comes O-Lan, Followed By Confusion Bay

BLUE FIELD MOST IMPROVED PONY IN THE FIRST HALF

By "Rapier"

HAVING DEALT WITH THE AUSTRALIAN PONIES IN MY LAST ARTICLE, I WILL NOW CONCLUDE MY REVIEW OF THE EXTRA RACE MEETINGS OF THE FIRST HALF OF THE 1941 RACING SEASON AT THE VALLEY WITH A FEW COMMENTS ON THE CHINA PONIES.



RECREIO LOSE TO INDIANS

In First Division of the Tennis League on Sunday, Indian R.C. beat Club de Recreio by 5½ sets to 3½.

S. A. and O. Rumjahn (I.R.C.):—
drew with H. N. Silva and H. F. Gonsalves 6-6
beat A. V. Remedios and J. B. Gonsalves 6-2
beat W. A. Reed and H. A. Barros 6-3
A. H. Madar and H. D. Rumjahn (I.R.C.):—
beat Silva and Gonsalves 6-1
beat Remedios and Gonsalves 6-4
lost to Reed and Barros 1-6
A. R. Minu and I. M. A. Razack (I.R.C.):—
beat Silva and Gonsalves 6-4
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TO-DAY'S TENNIS

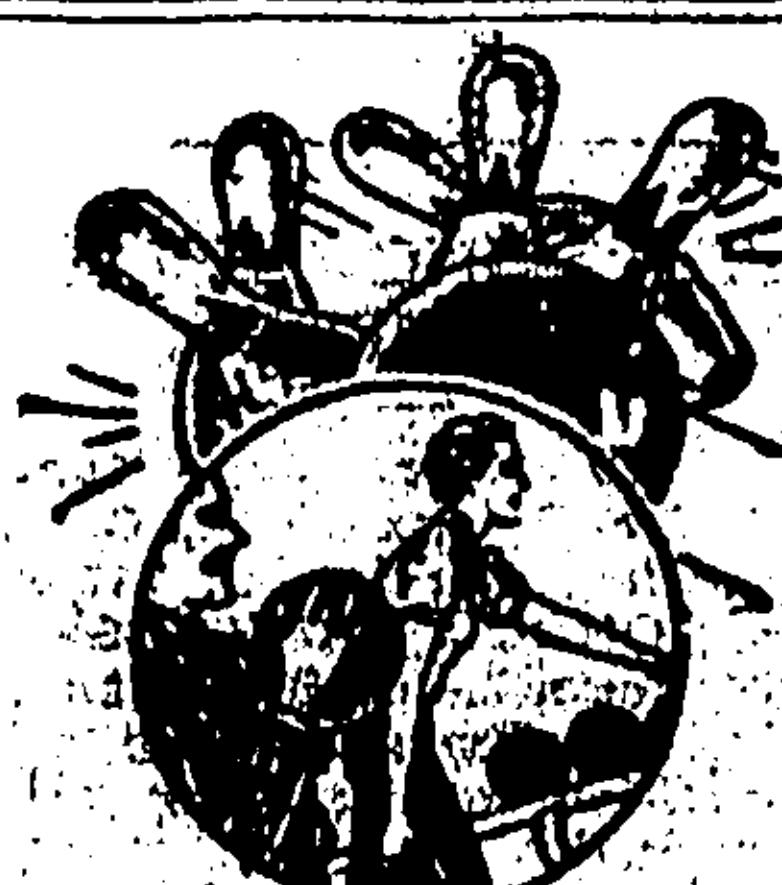
Following is to-day's Third Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams:

K.T.G.C.A. v. K.C.C.
H.K.U.T.C. v. S.C.A.A.
K.T.G.C.A.:—L. Chen and D. Kwok; A. H. Basto and K. M. Lee; S. Hsu and D. Chen.
S.C.A.A.:—J. Hsu and H. C. Kwok; K. H. Yip and S. Y. Lee; K. I. Chan and H. N. Wong.

H.K.U.T.C.:—S. L. Yong and P. K. Hui; T. C. Lo and Yip Yee; K. Y. Tam and Paul Liu.

K.C.C.:—N. J. Bebbington and K. H. Paterson; D. H. Hazel and D. Llewellyn; K. Kloss and A. L. Fisher.

Owing to the heavy rain this morning the matches at Recreio, Army Tennis Club and Chinese R.C. have been cancelled.



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In reviewing activities of the new griffins, China ponies, pride of place must inevitably be given OOLONG, belonging to Mr. T. K. Li. This pony appeared in five races and won four of them. Stakes money won amounted to \$7,681.00 — quite a substantial return against its original investment. After winning the Maiden Stakes, the Hong Kong Derby, under Mr. Needa, it went on to win the Hopeful Stakes with Mr. Sokoloff up, and then, ridden by Mr. Follock, veteran jockey, it lost narrowly to Velvetlight.

Oolong's next triumph—and in this I consider that it scored its best win—came in the Easter Stakes. Under the control of Mr. Needa, Oolong won by a head from its stable companion, Confusion Bay, in the record time of 1.49.3, beating Racelight's previous record by 4-2/5 secs.

Oolong should remain supreme for some time to come, and in my estimation there is no other China pony capable of extending it.

VELVETLIGHT, belonging to the Cire Stable, is undoubtedly the next best pony. After running second in the Hong Kong Derby, it was the only pony which had a win against Oolong, and that was in the Tyro Stakes, over a mile. Velvetlight has since proved itself a pony to be reckoned with in the future. At the Second Extra Race Meeting, carrying top-weight of 159 lb., it won the Canton Handicap (first section) for "B" Class ponies over six furlongs, as a result of which it was immediately promoted to "A" Class. It gave a real glimpse of its true form in the Whitsun Plate, over 1½ miles, when it was beaten by O-Lan by only a neck in record time.

Starting Gate Problem

In order of merit, WORLD FAIR VIEW, belonging to Mr. Li Lan-sang, is the next best. During the course of the Annual Meeting it showed a distinct dislike to the starting gate, but once this fear was got under control this pony turned in some good performances. After winning the Racing Stakes, its improvement became more evident, so much so that, carrying 156 lb., it won the St. George's Plate at the Fourth Extra Meeting over 1½ miles in record time—2.23.0—beating the record previously set up by Navylight by 2-1/5 secs. In the Whitsun Plate it was expected to do well, but found O-Lan, Velvetlight and Confusion Bay too good.

WONDERFUL SCHEME, belonging to Kong Bros., won the Mrs. Bay Stakes from the 1½ mile post at the Third Extra Meeting, and then went on to win the Llama Handicap (first section) at the Sixth Extra Meeting. On both occasions it was ridden by Mr. Craven, and in the latter race it led from start to finish to score a creditable win against Johnber and Avon, and pay out a dividend of \$32.00.

AVON, belonging to Sir V. M. Grayburn, won the Canton Handicap (second section) at the Second Extra Meeting, and followed this up by carrying off the Hongham Handicap at the very next meeting.

LANCASHIRE LASS carried off the first section of the Fatshah Handicap—Novices' Race—under Mr. R. K. C. Chui to pay \$50.00 for a win.

EVE OF FOLLY, under Mr. R. M. Wood, scored a nice win in the West River Handicap (first section) to pay \$32.00 for a win.

Victoria Recreation Club are entering the Basketball League and are using St. Joseph's College ground for their practice games.

J. Fenton, University athlete, who is seen often in the V.R.C. bath, is a promising swimmer.



TO-DAY'S DERBY STARTERS

Following are the probable starters for the War Time Derby to-day:

Single Court (Cliff Richards), Royal Academy (Gethin), Cuerdley (Jones), Mazarin (Bartlam), Devotion (Perryman), Selim Hassan (Beery), Valdavian (Herbert), Starwort (Joe Taylor), Firozedin (Stephenson), Annatom (Arthur Wragg), Morogoro (Harry Wragg), Owen Tudor (Nevett), Thoroughfare (Sam Wragg), Chateau la Rose (Bridgland), Sun Castle (Pat Beasley), Orthodox (Dennis Smith), Ptolemy (Ephraim Smith), Camperdown (Lowrey), Lambert Simnel (Elliott), Sunny Island (Carey) and Fairy Prince (Line).—Reuter.

Lambert Simnel, owned by the Duke of Westminster, is the 5 to 1 favourite, while Mr. Harry Morris' Chateau la Rose winner of the Coronation Cup, is quoted at 100 to 9.

Final Call-Over

Following is the final call-over: 5—1 Lambert Simnel; 11—2 Sun Castle; 6—1, t and o Morogoro; 10—1, o 21—2, t Devonian; 100—9, o 100—8 t Chateau la Rose; 100—9, o 15—1 t Orthodox; 100—7, o Starwort; 100—6, o Thoroughfare; 18—1 Ptolemy; 20—1 Fairy Prince; 22—1, t and o Annatom; 22—1, o Camperdown; 25—1, t and o Cuerdley; 25—1, o 33—1, t Owen Tudor; 33—1, t and o Mazarin; 33—1, o Sunny Island; 40—1, t and o Royal Academy; 40—1, o Fettes; 50—1, o Valdavian; 50—1, o Selim Hassan; 86—1, o Single Court; and 100—1, o Firozedin.—Reuter.

LAST FOUR STAGE

OLD SUBS.

Nothing really interesting can be written regarding the old subscription griffins, China ponies, with the exception of KING KONG. Ridden by Mr. Wei, it won the Lead Mine Handicap (first section) over six furlongs and paid out the handsome dividend of \$88.20.

PORTRUSH (won the Taiwan Bay Handicap (second section), ridden by Mr. Li Shu-fai over a mile for Novice jockeys.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Skater—Your complaint should be addressed to the management of the rink concerned—Sports Ed.

The tennis championships at Chinese Recreation Club have reached the concluding stages in both the singles and doubles events. In the singles Paul Kong, who created an upset when he beat Tsui Wal-pui in the Second Round, is expected to win his semi-final tie against Iu Tak-cheuk, and the other semi-finalists are K. H. Ip and Tsui Yan-pui, Colony champion.

The Tsui brothers, holders of the Colony title, have already reached the final of the doubles championship and will meet the winners of the semi-final tie between Lee Yue-wing and Chan Tak-chan and Paul Kong and U Tin-kwong.

Sparrow. 1941 Australian subscription griffin owned by Mr. Li Chok-li, which was sent to Macao together with the batch of ponies that took part in the race meeting in that port last Sunday, has been left there for summer grazing. The rest of the ponies that made the trip have all since returned to the Colony.

Avon's Two Wins

AVON, belonging to Sir V. M. Grayburn, won the Canton Handicap (second section) at the Second Extra Meeting, and followed this up by carrying off the Hongham Handicap at the very next meeting.

LANCASHIRE LASS carried off the first section of the Fatshah Handicap—Novices' Race—under Mr. R. K. C. Chui to pay \$50.00 for a win.

EVE OF FOLLY, under Mr. R. M. Wood, scored a nice win in the West River Handicap (first section) to pay \$32.00 for a win.

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INTENSE AIR BATTLES IN LIBYA AND SYRIA

R.A.F. Loses Nine 'Planes

In Heavy Day

Strip Tease Shocks Shanghai

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Five Chinese strip tease dancers were arrested and hauled to court in a police raid on a crowded Shanghai burlesque theatre yesterday.

Packed screaming and kicking into a police van, the girls faced the judge in hastily slipped on robes and were sentenced to 50 days in gaol for "immoral dancing." — International News Service.

PAYMENT OF CHINESE SEAMEN

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Shipping, at question time in the House of Commons yesterday, disclosed that the Ministry had discussed very fully with Mr. Quo Tai-chi, late Chinese Ambassador in London, the question of the payment of Chinese seamen.

He added: "I am glad to say there have been no recent difficulties with crews in this country." — Reuter.

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Cooperation In Western Desert War

R.A.F. SUPPORT of the British forces in the Libyan and Syrian battles, and heavy raids on Benghazi and other enemy bases, are the high spots of yesterday's R.A.F. communique in Cairo.

The communique says that, in Cyrenaica, the Imperial Air Forces were continuously active throughout Monday in support of the operations carried out by our ground forces.

Numerous sorties were made by our fighters to drive off aircraft attempting to bomb and machine-gun our troops, and in many instances enemy bombers were forced to jettison their bombs without attacking.

In the course of combat one Messerschmidt 109 was shot down and several other ME 109's and 110's were severely damaged. One Heinkel was destroyed on the ground.

During Sunday night Benghazi harbour, several enemy aerodromes and concentrations of motor transport were heavily attacked. A number of fires were started in Benghazi harbour.

Bardia Strafed

At Bardia, aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm started large fires among enemy vehicles, a number of which were destroyed or damaged.

Fires were also started on the landing grounds at Derna, Martuba and Gazala, where bombs fell among dispersed aircraft, many of which are believed to have been destroyed.

Patrol In Syria

In Syria, British and Australian aircraft continued to support the ground operations and to maintain patrols over supporting units.

Our bombers carried out a successful raid on Rayak, damaging the runway and aerodrome buildings and causing a large explosion.

Australian aircraft machine-gunned and damaged a concentration of enemy mechanical transport near Quediran.

A number of Junkers 88's were intercepted off the coast by R.A.F. fighters on patrol over British ships, one of the enemy being shot down and a number of others damaged.

FROM ALL THESE OPERATIONS NINE OF OUR AIRCRAFT ARE MISSING.—REUTER.

KING DECORATES CORPORAL

One of the men of the famous Bomb Disposal Squad who saved St. Paul's Cathedral last September by removing a one-ton high explosive delayed action bomb buried on the south-west corner of the Cathedral, was decorated by the King with the George Cross at a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace.

He was Corporal George Wyllie, to whom fell the task of actual discovery and removal of the bomb.

When the bomb was dug up, the Removal Squad, commanded by Lt. Robert Davis, who also received the George Cross, loaded the bomb on a lorry and drove it to Hackney Marshes, some miles away, where it was exploded.

Corporal Wyllie is a bachelor of 31 years and was a grocer in Scotland until eight years ago. Before then he was working in an aeroplane factory in England.

As the King pinned the Cross on his tunic, a Court official read out an account of his deed "for conspicuous bravery . . . his untiring energy, courage and disregard for danger was an outstanding example to his comrades."

The King asked Wyllie how long it took to remove the bomb. "Three days, Sir," Wyllie replied. — Reuter.

JULIANA HONOURED AT PRINCETON

Princess Julianne was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Law at Princeton University yesterday, says Reuter.

STOP PRESS

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, C.B.E., will move a resolution: "That in the opinion of this Council, Government should not resort to its extraordinary emergency powers to attain an end unconnected with the emergency."

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-Signor Gayda

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Signor Gayda, Mussolini's mouthpiece, writing in "Giornale d'Italia" yesterday, accused President Roosevelt of openly declaring economic war on the Axis, and says the freezing of Axis credits was done with the deliberate intention of provoking the Axis.

"It was an important step towards American participation in the actual fighting. Daily war with the United States draws nearer."

Another article in the same paper admitted American aid is becoming an important factor in the war.

"We must admit that the American planes sent to Britain are efficient and extensive." — International News Service.

PROSPECT OF A. LONG WAR

"You face the prospect of a long war," the United States Secretary for War, Mr. Henry Stimson, told the Committee of the House of Representatives yesterday, indicating that the war might well last more than four years.

Mr. Stimson said one of the benefits of the proposed St. Lawrence seaway, which would take four years to build, would be the protection afforded to part of the route for munitions to England.

"IN MY OPINION," HE DECLARED, "IT IS NECESSARY TO PREPARE FOR A VERY LONG EMERGENCY."

"We all hope that it will be brief, but it is not safe to act on such a hope in the situation as it confronts us to-day." There is a very strong chance, he concluded, "of the emergency lasting long enough for the United States to benefit by this seaway." — Reuters.

SIX AND A HALF INCHES OF RAIN DURING NIGHT

It was revealed unofficially this morning that the rainfall in the region of the Botanical Gardens during the torrential downpours of the night totalled six and a half inches.

It is estimated that between one and two inches have fallen since.

Japanese Military Heated

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Fresh Japanese pressure on the International Settlement in Shanghai is feared as the Japanese army spokesman charged Chungking terrorists with the murder of Mr. Chikayuki Akagi, Special Deputy Commissioner of the Municipal Police.

It is anticipated that the Japanese may demand police action against Chungking organisations "for peace and order and the protection of the lives of Japanese nationals."

The Japanese army spokesman said Chungking terrorists had apparently transferred their attentions from Japanese military members, a large number of whom have been murdered recently, and fixed it on Japanese members of the Settlement police. — International News Service.

GERMANY PROTESTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY SENT A SHARP PROTEST TO THE UNITED STATES AGAINST THE CLOSING OF NAZI CONSULATES.

The action was described as "unfounded and arbitrary."

The American action was declared to be incompatible with German-American treaties signed previously. — International News Service.

FRENCH LOSE A DESTROYER

A French destroyer has been sunk in operations off Syria, says a Beirut telegram to the Vichy news agency quoted by Reuters.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS IN WASHINGTON AGAIN EXPRESSED THE VIEW YESTERDAY THAT A COMPLETE BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GERMANY IS LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE SOON.

American officials fear that new incidents, especially sinkings of American ships, will lead to a sudden break, and Latin-American nations will probably be requested to take over representation of American interests in Germany.

American consuls in Germany are experiencing unnecessary delay in obtaining permits for American nationals.

Meanwhile Nazi officials in Berlin yesterday said American developments were so "complex" that they need "time for analysis."

Rumours were prevalent that Germany will take the initiative and "wipe out a long list of grievances against the United States by a sudden break in relations."

IT IS PROBABLE, HOWEVER, THAT GERMANY WILL IGNORE AMERICAN MEASURES EXCEPT FOR A VOICEFUL CONDEMNATION IN THE PRESS AND OVER THE NEWS SERVICE. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

STRIKE FRICTION IN U.S.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

President Roosevelt is represented as being ready to call out the Army to terminate the protracted strike which is obstructing the \$500 million naval and merchant ship programme in eleven San Francisco yards if the 1,700 machinists do not reconsider their refusal to return to work.

While defence officials predicted this drastic measure would be invoked, the President deferred action pending results of the final attempts by Union leaders to effect a return to work.

Meanwhile, Mr. Walter D. Fuller, President of the National Association of Manufacturers, charged the Administration with bringing on the epidemic of defence strikes sweeping the nation.

MR. FULLER ATTACKED THE GOVERNMENT'S SEIZURE OF INDUSTRIAL PLANTS BY MILITARY FORCE AS A MEANS OF SOLVING THE PROBLEM.

IMPORTANT COUNCIL QUESTION

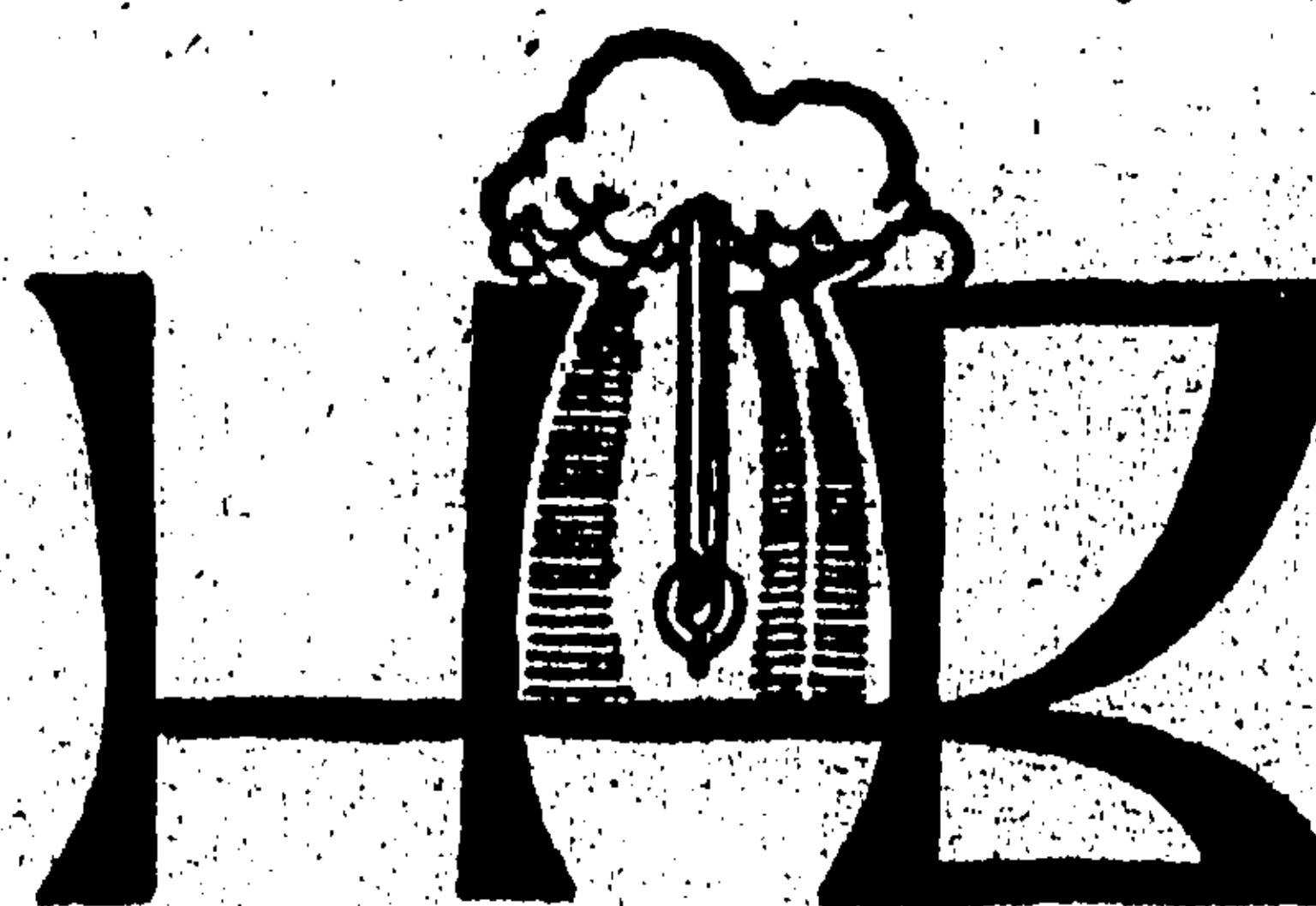
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HUGE FORMATIONS OF BRITISH PLANES CARRIED OUT THE BIGGEST ATTACK YET ON NAZI BASES ON THE FRENCH COAST.

People on the Kent coast heard bomb explosions for several hours. — International News Service.

HAVE AN H.B.—



— AND THEN TRY!

Japanese Delegates Decide To Leave Batavia

NAZI BOMBER CRASHES IN PORTUGAL

Portuguese officials who examined the wreckage of a plane which crashed in flames close to the Spanish frontier early on Sunday say it was a four-engined German bomber presumably returning from the Gibraltar raid. — Reuter.

THE ROBIN MOOR CASE

The basic charges against Germany for sinking the Robin Moor are not affected by the arrival of the missing survivors at Capetown, declared Mr. Sumner Welles, United States Under-Secretary of State, yesterday.

The United States Government would very soon be able to reach a final decision on action to be taken, he said. Meanwhile the American consul at Capetown had been instructed to cable a summary of the survivors' depositions.

Although Mr. Welles did not indicate what action would be taken, it is considered that at the very least a stern protest would be lodged. — Reuter.

"FLEECED" WOMAN ALLEGATION

When John Houlden, 34, described as of independent means, Cumberland Mansions, Hyde Park, was remanded for two weeks at Marlborough Street Police Court on charges of fraudulent conversion and forgery involving £665, Mr. C. Humphreys prosecuting, said:

"This is a story of a clever rogue battenning upon a woman with money who early fell under his influence—I might say almost his spell—signed almost anything put in front of her, and was slowly but deliberately fleeced of large amounts of money."

It was stated that the £665 was the money of Mrs. Ethel Gertrude Miller-Mundy, Viceroy Court, Regent's Park.

When arrested, Houlden, was alleged to have said: "This is a pity, as Lord Tredegar and Lord Annerley were going to see Mrs. Miller-Mundy to-morrow and put the matter right."

YOSHIZAWA HAS FINAL INTERVIEW

THE JAPANESE DELEGATES have decided to leave the Netherlands East Indies following the impasse in the economic talks, according to a Japanese telegram from Batavia.

Prior to this announcement, Mr. Yoshizawa, head of the Japanese delegation, had a final interview with the Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies.

The telegram adds the delegation will leave Batavia for Japan on June 29.

The prominent Tokyo newspaper "Hochi" says the Japanese Government should nevertheless continue to urge the East Indies to cooperate with Japan in building an "East Asia prosperity sphere."

Declaring that the Dutch Governor-General's speech to the People's Council on Monday indirectly implied that Japan was one of the colony's enemies the "Hochi" says Japan must take this into consideration and take determined steps to make the East Indies realise Japan's ideal of a Greater East Asia. — Reuter.

RETALIATION BY GERMANY

AMERICAN PROPERTY IN GERMANY IS THE OBJECT OF IMMEDIATE RETALIATORY ACTION BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

Berlin announced yesterday: "By order of the President, the Government of the United States on June 14 announced the freezing of all German assets in the United States: by order of the German Government, therefore, the necessary steps will immediately be taken concerning the property of American citizens in the German Reich." — Reuter.

CHINA-BURMA FRONTIER FIXED

Delimitation of the frontier between China and Burma has been finally settled after prolonged negotiations, Reuter learned from well-informed sources in Chongking yesterday.

It is expected that an agreement between the Chinese and British Governments will be signed shortly. — Reuter.

DEFERMENT OF ENLISTMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The U.S. House of Representatives' Military Affairs Committee yesterday voted to make mandatory the deferment from drafting of all men reaching the age of 28 by July 1. As passed by the Senate, the Bill authorises the President to order deferment if he wishes. — International News Service.

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NEW ZEALAND TO BUILD MINESWEEPERS

The placing of a contract for building four minesweepers at Port Chalmers to British Admiralty plans, was announced yesterday by the New Zealand Minister of Supply, Mr. Sullivan, says Reuter from Wellington.

WE MUST STAND AND FIGHT

The Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, in a nationwide broadcast last night reviewing the military position, said: "As Germany creeps along the European coastline the voyage round the Cape, supplying the Middle East, becomes more tortuous and vulnerable.

"We must fight where and how the enemy compels us.

"We must stand and fight for the Middle East or else surrender the Mediterranean, extricate the Fleet, yield Iraq and Iran, open the gateway to India, expose French Africa to complete subjugation, and make it easy for Spain to give bases in North-West Africa, thus adding a new and deadly menace to the Atlantic and to the whole contact of Britain with the Empire south and east of Suez.

"In the face of these perils any limitation upon our efforts must go." — Reuter.

WANCHAI FLOODED

WITHIN TEN MINUTES OF THIS MORNING'S HEAVY DOWNPOUR, THE WANCHAI DISTRICT WAS FLOODED, PARTICULARLY IN THE QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AREA WHERE PEDESTRIANS, RICKSHA PULLERS, AND COOLIES HAD TO WADE IN TWO FEET OF WATER.

The whole of the race course was turned into a lake while the grounds of the clubs in the neighbourhood were also under several inches of water.

MORE ABYSSINIA PRISONERS

A Cairo G.H.Q. Communiqué states:

On June 15, after a sharp engagement, our African troops in Abyssinia captured an enemy rearguard position west of the Lakes, taking 200 prisoners, four guns and 30 machine-guns. The enemy left 150 killed on the field.

In the Assab area a further six Italian officers and 180 other ranks have surrendered.

KREISLER RECOVERS

Fritz Kreisler, the famous violinist, was discharged from hospital in New York yesterday described as good.

Audiences will once more bear him play with all his matchless art, for his wife stated he will play again "as he has always played."

Kreisler, who is 66, was knocked down by a motorcar in New York seven weeks ago and was taken to hospital suffering from a fractured skull and internal injuries. — Reuter.

"SECRET WEAPON" AGAINST ENEMY AIRCRAFT

"DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH promise in many directions" in the detection and destruction of enemy planes, was mentioned by the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. C. R. Attlee, in answer to a question in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Attlee was invited to amplify the recent statement by the Canadian Defence Minister, Col. Ralston, announcing Canadian help in this direction.

Mr. Attlee said that thanks to the brilliant work of our scientists great progress had been made in devising means of helping the Fighting Services in locating and destroying enemy planes.

British industries were now turning out increasing quantities of an ingenious apparatus whose maintenance demands large numbers of skilled men, especially radio mechanics. Training is being given by the Fighting Services assisted by universities and technical colleges all over the country.

THERE WAS STILL NEED FOR MORE CRAFTSMEN AND A BROADCAST APPEAL WAS BEING MADE TO TECHNICAL MEN OVERSEAS TO COME FORWARD TO JOIN THEIR SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE TO THAT OF OUR SCIENTISTS. — Reuter.

PORTUGAL REINFORCES THE AZORES

A DETACHMENT OF SAILORS HAS LEFT LISBON FOR THE AZORES TO REINFORCE THE NAVAL BASE AT PONTA DELGADA. STATES A LISBON DESPATCH RECEIVED IN VICHY LAST NIGHT.

The sailors took with them a quantity of war materials.

A contingent of troops from Lisbon has already arrived in the Azores, according to a despatch from Angra do Heroísmo. — Reuter.

GENERAL DENTZ STRIKES BACK

Resistance In Syria Develops Strongly

Vichy Troops Drive On Merj Ayoum

(By Reuter's Chief Correspondent in Cairo)

RESISTANCE BY THE VICHY TROOPS IN SYRIA, WHICH IT WAS HOPED COULD BE AVOIDED, HAS NOW DEVELOPED AND GENERAL DENTZ'S FORCES HAVE STRUCK A BLOW IN THE CENTRE WHICH HAS LED TO FIGHTING.

It has, however, made no material change, and latest despatches received in Cairo yesterday report that Merj Ayoum — claimed to have been taken by Vichy troops — is still in Allied hands.

The situation there is well in hand and Allied reserves are available.

On the coast the Allies have made a little progress beyond Sidi and the position there seems reasonably secure.

There is still fighting south of Damascus, where certain Vichy positions have been captured.

The Allies are now on the hills overlooking the Plain of Damascus and are making their way slowly down towards the city.

The Syrians and Druses generally are proving friendly to the Allies.

"Counter-Offensive"

A Vichy communiqué on the Syria operations, broadcast by Lyons radio last night, reads: "In the area situated between the Jebel Druse and Mount Hermon, as well as in the mountainous part of south Lebanon, counter-offensive operations continue.

"On the coast, the British forces, deprived of the support of the Fleet, which withdrew on the morning of June 16, have developed only slight activity.

"Our air force continued yesterday to attack with bombs the rear of the enemy despite very active anti-aircraft defences.

"THE RAYAK AND HOMS DISTRICTS WERE TWICE RAIDED BY THE R.A.F. ON SUNDAY NIGHT BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE." — REUTER.

Cairo Communiqué

An official Cairo communiqué on Syria states that although the Allied forces are making steady progress on the coastal sector and have captured several further positions in the Kiswe area, strong counter-attacks by Vichy troops have been launched at Merj Ayoum and Queneitra.

Allied reinforcements are now approaching both these places, where heavy fighting is continuing." — British Wireless.

COMMON PURPOSE

"CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES SHALL FOR EVER WALK TOGETHER AS THE BEST OF GOOD NEIGHBOURS," SAID THE CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER, MR. MACKENZIE KING, IN RECEIVING AN HONORARY DEGREE AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY YESTERDAY.

Mr. Mackenzie King, who is on a brief visit to the United States, told the graduating class: "Between you and us is a community of thought, ideals, and purpose. Our common disdain of fleeting things that will pass, our common love of eternal things that will remain." — Reuter.

RUHR GETS ANOTHER POUNDING

Vital war industries, crowded into Germany's greatest manufacturing area — the Ruhr — were heavily attacked for the sixth night in succession by large forces of R.A.F. bombers on Monday night.

The Air Ministry news service states that though dark, the night was clear and even before the moon had risen many aircraft had reached and bombed Cologne, Dusseldorf and Duisberg.

These cities, through which runs the Rhine, were the main objectives of the night and soon there were fires on both sides of the river, tall industrial buildings showing up in the flare of the flames.

As the attack developed the ground defences became more formidable, anti-aircraft shells bursting all round the R.A.F. planes and countless searchlights trying to compete with the glare of the flames and flares dropped by the bombers.

In spite of the defences the pilots got through to their targets. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Shanghai Consular Body has approved new Municipal by-laws dealing with public health measures and land taxation which were approved by the Annual Ratepayers Meeting in April. — International News Service.

AIR SUPPORT FOR THE ARMY

Replies to a Commons question the Secretary for War stated that for the past 18 months there has been a section at the War Office whose sole task was co-operation with the Air Ministry on all aspects of air support for the Army. — British Wireless.

CAPTAIN ROOSEVELT IN LISBON

(By Reuter's Lisbon Correspondent)

Captain James Roosevelt, eldest son of the President, arrived in Lisbon yesterday, 10 days behind his schedule, on the way back to Washington after travelling 30,000 miles round the globe.

Looking bronzed and fit, he told me: "I have got a pretty accurate general picture of the war situation. Air power is a tremendous, if not a dominating factor in this war."

Capt. Roosevelt, who was unable to discuss military problems, said: "There was a great demand for American materials in the East, and although many problems remain unsolved as yet, one can be reasonably satisfied with the material help getting through."

"Nowhere is help more greatly appreciated than in China, where I was impressed by the cheerful confidence of the people." — Reuter.

EIRE'S FOOD SHORTAGE

Eire is experiencing a severe shortage of feeding supplies for humans and animals but supplies of flour and bread in the country will be adequate until the next harvest has arrived.

This was stated in the Dail yesterday by Mr. Sean Lemass, Minister of Supplies, who announced that it was not improbable that after the next harvest a certain amount of other cereals may have to be used with wheat to ensure the nation's requirements of flour and bread.

Shipping difficulties would further increase if there was an extension of the belligerent field of activity. — Reuter.

WEYGAND'S WANING POWERS

According to French circles in New York, travellers who have recently returned from French North Africa paint a sombre picture of the extent to which Gen. Weygand's powers of independent action have been circumscribed by Nazi penetration during the past few months.

It is said to be no longer a question of willingness or unwillingness but one of lack of ability to resist German demands. The strength of Gen. Weygand's forces has been greatly exaggerated. It now consists of about 125,000 men and 100 planes. Supplies, especially petrol, are short.

The Armistice Commission now consists entirely of Germans, most of them chosen because of their familiarity with the Arabic world. They have large sums to spend on subversive activities among the native population.

GREEK NAVY JOINS BRITAIN AT ALEXANDRIA

A cruiser, seven destroyers, two torpedo-boats and five submarines of the Greek Navy have reached Alexandria and have now joined the British Mediterranean Fleet, announced a senior officer of the Greek Navy in a broadcast from London last night, says Reuter.

RIFLES OF HOME GUARD STOLEN

Civil and military police in one of the Home Counties are engaged in trying to trace the whereabouts of several men who in recent weeks, by posing as officers of the Home Guard, have obtained possession of a number of rifles and quantities of ammunition.

The men apparently obtained the names and addresses of men known to be members of the Home Guard, and dressed in uniforms similar to those of the Home Guard, visited their homes when they knew the men would be away. They then persuaded the womenfolk to hand over the rifles and ammunition.

A typewritten notice put up in the orderly room of one company, signed by the officer commanding (a Lieut.-Colonel) says: "Men are warned that on no account must they part with any of their equipment except to men known to them to be members of the Home Guard."

BRITISH NOTE TO YUGOSLAV

The British Government, in a Note to the Yugoslav Minister in London, places on record "their sense of indignation at the shameless manner in which Yugoslavia has been mutilated and parts of her territory subjected to foreign rule, in gross violation of the true feelings of the Yugoslav people."

The British Government takes note of the Yugoslav protests at the dismemberment of the country by the Axis.

It recalls the Yugoslav protests of May 14 and 28 calling attention to the illegal proclamation of an "independent Croatia, which represented camouflaged annexation to Italy of Croatia" and the brutal dismemberment of the Slovene people.

The British Note declares these acts by the German and Italian Governments to be dull and void and states that the British Government will continue to support the Government of King Peter. — Reuter.

HALF A MILLION FEWER JOBLESS

Unemployed in Britain numbered 290,312 on May 12, which is nearly 500,000 fewer than on May 20 last year and nearly 30,000 less than the previous month's figure, says Reuter from London this morning.

PARTY TRUCE IN BRITAIN TO CONTINUE

SUPPORT FOR continuation of the political Party truce agreed to between the Conservative, Liberal and Labour Parties in Britain when Mr. Churchill became Premier, was given yesterday at the Annual Conference of the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

The Union's membership of over 500,000 includes many of Britain's armament workers.

The Union's President, Mr. Jack Tanner, said: "I do not see anyone who can get a majority of the people more than Mr. Churchill. He is a man of outstanding character and can get the unity of the whole people of this country.

"The Labour Party is satisfied that the only way in which this war can be conducted under present circumstances is by having this truce."

By 28 votes to 23, with one neutral, the Conference defeated a resolution calling for immediate repudiation of the political truce and of the suspension of local and national elections.

Not The Time

The Report of the Union's Executive Committee, which will be laid before the Conference later this week, states: "Now is not the time for interneing conflicts. Our

part is mainly to use all available powers on the munitions production field. We must continue collaboration with Government to this end." — Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE RECRUITING

Mr. McEwen, Australian Minister, announced yesterday that Government was considering the absorption of women in clerical duties in the R.A.A.F., release of physically fit men of fighting age for active service and an increase in the age limits of ground staff.

Government had also decided to reduce the height for entry to the R.A.A.F. to five feet. — Reuter.

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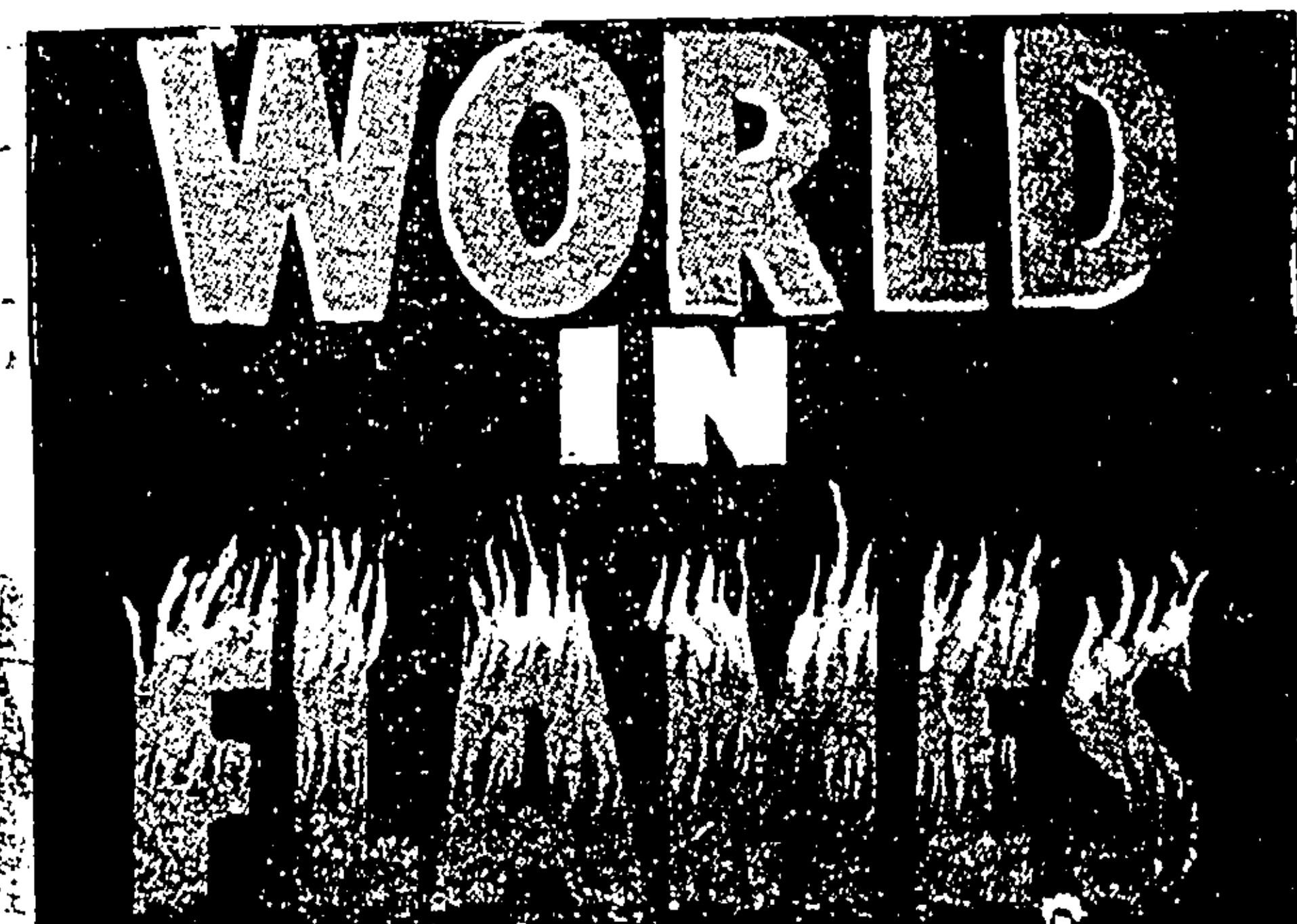


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Mr. Mackenzie King was referring to Britain's shortage of Canadian money which "we have told her not to worry about." He was speaking to the Associated Canadian Organisations in New York.

RESTAURANT OWNERS SUMMONED

The managements of the St. Francis Hotel and the Windsor Cafe were summoned this morning before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy, for failing to keep their restaurants in a clean condition.

Sanitary Inspector T. Seddon, Urban Council, alleged that the Windsor Cafe had previously been twice visited and warned by Sanitary Inspectors. Witness personally visited the premises on May 28 and found the kitchen in an unsatisfactory condition.

In view of the fact that this was a first offence, Mr. Tang Chi-kan, representative of the Cafe, was cautioned.

As regards the St. Francis Hotel, the prosecuting officer said that no fault was found with the dining room. The kitchen was, however, not kept clean.

The case was adjourned for a week, Mr. Paul Lee, representative of the Hotel, indicating that the company's solicitor, Mr. Lee Hon-chi, would appear for the Hotel.

PETROL EXPORT CHARGES

For exporting 1,600 tns of gasoline without a permit from the Controller of Trade, Ko Leung, 31, steersman of junk No. T3542H, and Mak Chan-yin, 28, of junk No. T5115H, were each fined \$250, or two months' hard labour by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning. Cheng San, 23, steersman of junk No. 3726V, was fined \$500, or four months' hard labour, for unlawfully exporting 1,800 tns of gasoline and 420 tns of kerosene, respectively.

ATTACK UPON A WOMAN

A 30-year-old widow, Li Mu, was sentenced to seven days' hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning for assaulting a fellow-tenant, Li Ying-ye, 26, married woman.

At 10.15 a.m. on June 9, accused was seen hitting the woman on the head with a rice bowl. As a result of the attack she was detained in hospital until yesterday.

"PURELY ACCIDENTAL"

The bombing of foreign property in Chungking on Sunday by Japanese planes was "purely accidental," the Japanese naval spokesman told foreign correspondents in Shanghai.

He said he had learned from headquarters of the Japanese navy that some bombs went astray and officials were trying to find out the reason.—Reuter.

SENTENCE SHOCKS WOMAN

"I prefer death to imprisonment," yelled a 20-year-old Chinese woman in the Kowloon Police Court this morning, after she was sentenced by Mr. H. C. Macnamara to two weeks' hard labour for assaulting her eight-year-old adopted son.

The woman, Wan Sui-hung, caused a commotion by shouting and crying. She refused to leave the dock and two constables had to take her to the cell below.

Mr. H. W. Fraser, Inspector of Mui Tsai, disclosed that accused was arrested following a report that she had given the young lad a severe beating.

Accused said she beat him because he refused to hurry home.

FATE OF FRENCH NAZI AGENT

THE EXASPERATION OF PEOPLE IN OCCUPIED FRANCE AGAINST NAZI AGENTS IS REVEALED BY NEWS FROM NEUTRAL CORRESPONDENTS IN PARIS THAT M. JEAN FONTENOY HAS "DISAPPEARED."

M. Fontenoy was head of the propaganda service of the Rassemblement National Populaire, the puppet party working in Paris for M. Laval and the Germans.

Although he never went out without a bodyguard, it is believed that he has been assassinated, as was another official of this party about a week ago.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

Charged with embezzling \$500 between February 10 and May 31, Ma Hui-chi, 25, manager of a rice shop in Matawei Road, was fined \$500, or three months' hard labour, by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

The money was collected by accused from customers on behalf of his employer.

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AIR RAID WARDENS tried in vain to rescue a man and woman trapped in a London fire. People living near the White Hart public-house, in Windmill Street, Tottenham Court Road, W.C., were awoken before eight by a woman's screams. They saw smoke belching from the storey above the public-house.

"A dark-haired woman was leaning out of a front window," said a neighbour. A man behind the woman was shouting to her to lean out of the window to get fresh air. Then both the man and woman disappeared."

Mr. John Mahoney and other wardens at a nearby post, among them Mrs. S. White, ran out to give help.

They reared a ladder against the front of the building to fetch down the two people upstairs, but the ladder was too short.

Mr. Mahoney got in by smashing the windows in the club room on the first floor, but was driven back by the flames, which had destroyed the stairway, trapping the occupiers of the floor above.

On his way back down the ladder he had to pass through a sheet of flames. His hands were blistered and the haft of his axe was burned through.

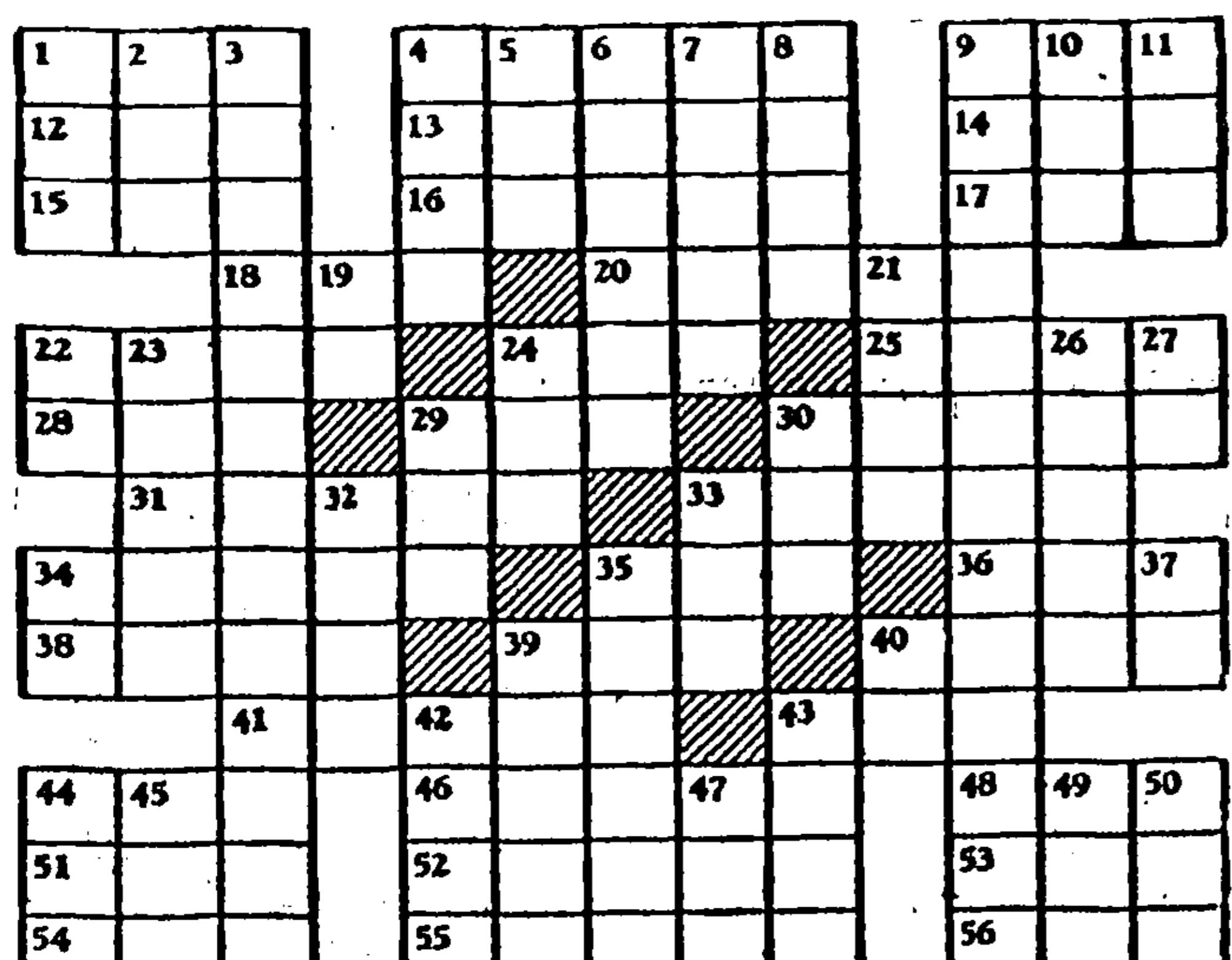
Licensee Dead

By the time A.F.S. men reached the two people upstairs, they were dead.

They were Captain Walter Palmer, the licensee, and Mrs. Hilda Kuhn. Captain Palmer took the licence of the White Hart about seven months ago. Previously he was at the Bird-in-Hand, Long Acre, W.C.

Mr. W. Murray, a warden at Mahoney's post, said: "Mahoney was fine. That fellow would go through the jaws of hell to do his job."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL
1 Strange
4 To rebound
8 To understand
12 Hawaiian dish
13 To diminish
14 Attempt
15 Printers' measures
16 Clue
17 To mature
18 Lettuce
20 Genus
22 God of love
24 Biblical name
25 Card game
28 Metal
29 Assistance
30 Tapering roof
31 Bitter
33 River in France
34 Cubic metre
35 Abyss
36 African antelope
38 To merit
39 Downward
40 Demonstrative pronoun
41 Maxim

VERTICAL
43 Also
44 Garland
46 Conscious
49 Kiwi
51 Tavern
52 Networks
53 Cebine monkey
54 Ovum
55 Lets fall
56 To blunder

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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ATA	MIAMI	EGO
ACT	MIAMI	AVENGE
ACT	SON	CRUDO
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RETH	REPAOR	AH
NEVER	SURE	ASB
HELD	TO	AVRE
OBAGH	ERA	
AWFUL	FAMILY	
FOOL	RAGER	LEKE
THIR	WIXON	SLICE

8 Reward
9 A pretense
10 Unit of work
11 Head organ
19 Bone
21 Poisonous snakes
22 Latin conjunction
23 Lasso
24 Pen-point
26 Place of combat
27 Symbol for tellurium
29 Part of "to be"
30 To pose
32 Sea eagle
33 Isle
34 Symbol for selenium
35 Vegetable
37 Low note
39 Drain
40 Toward
42 Aromatic plant
43 Receptions
44 Falsehood
45 Wood of an East-Indian tree
47 To tear
49 Rowing implement
50 Melody

Not So Lucky Now

The increase of the value of benefices which were contracted to be received tax-free, is to be counteracted by new proposals announced yesterday by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood.

Certain lucky individuals, notably company directors and recipients of alimony who were being paid tax free, were receiving on £5,000 tax free, for example, the equivalent of £66,000.

The readjustment now planned will see that the burden of the tax falls on the payee instead of the payer.—Reuter.

An illustration of the weight of direct taxation was given in the Commons by the Chancellor of the Exchequer moving the resolution to enable obligations to pay sums of money such as annuities free of income tax to be modified.

Sir Kingsley Wood pointed out that the obligation to pay 14/6d free of tax required a gross before the war of £1 whereas with existing taxation 29/- would now be required. — British Wire-

JUNKERS REFUSE A FIGHT

Two Junkers 87 dive-bombers appeared at a town on the South Coast. They flew at a considerable height along the front, possibly looking for some objective to attack.

A Westland Lysander Army cooperation aircraft happened to be cruising in the same area. It is not a type well suited to making attacks on enemy dive-bombers, and it was at a tactical disadvantage as it was much lower than the German planes.

Nevertheless, it climbed strongly and attempted to engage the two enemy aircraft. It got nearly within range and began firing. The two bombers immediately made off towards the coast of France.

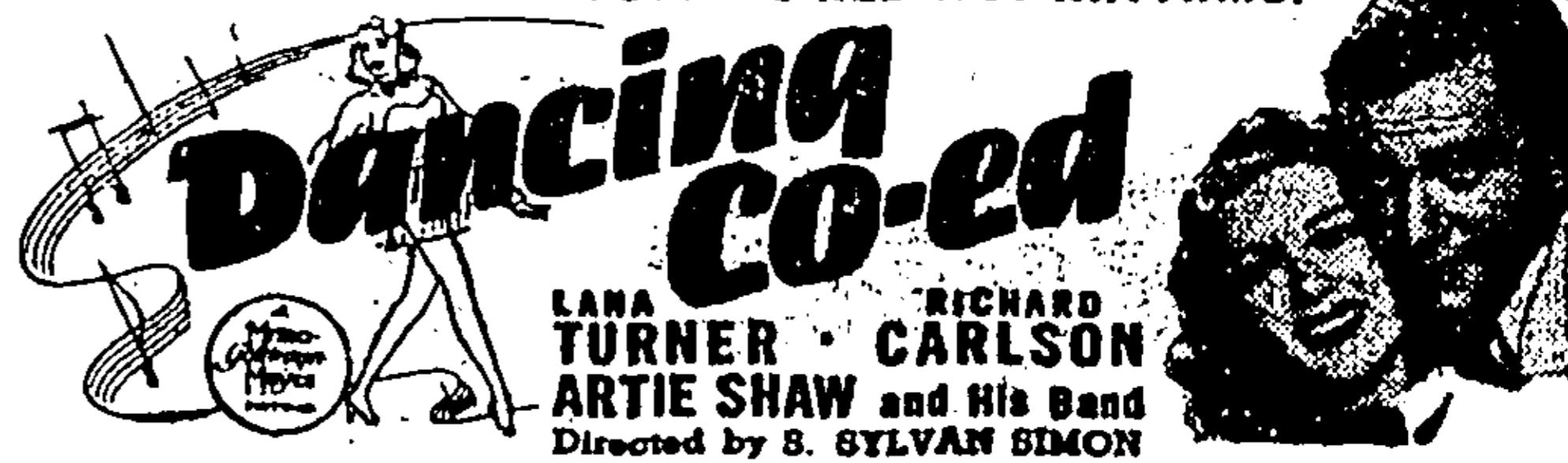
An electric fuse-box caught fire in the Kowloon Godowns last night but was extinguished by the employees before the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

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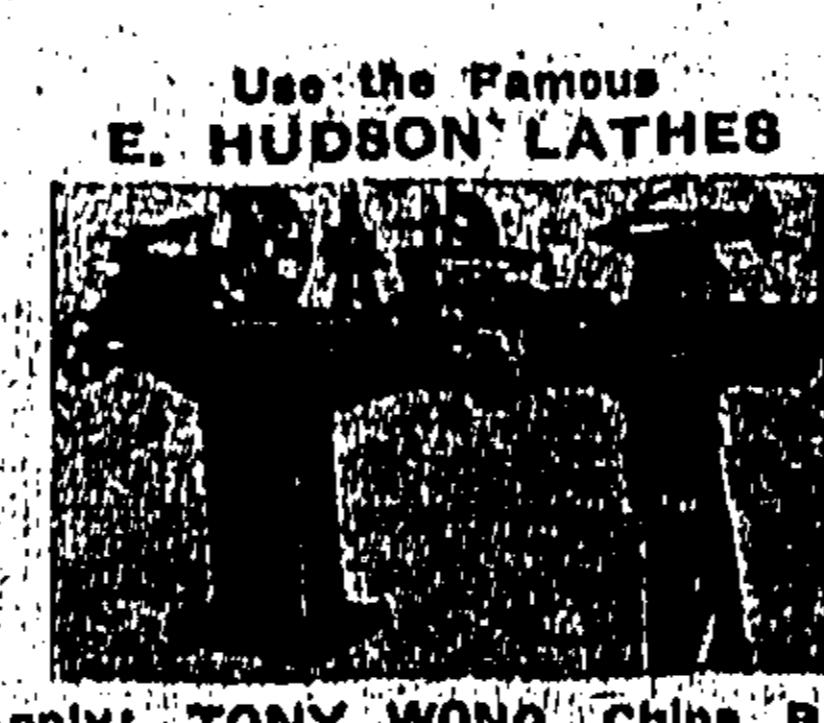
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MR. ALEXANDER'S DISCLOSURES OF DESTROYER DAMAGE

THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, SPEAKING TO THE ROYAL EMPIRE SOCIETY YESTERDAY, REVEALED THAT AFTER THE DEFLECTION OF THE FRENCH FLEET AND OPERATIONS BY THE NAVY IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVACUATION OF NORWAY, HOLLAND AND BELGIUM AND FRANCE, THERE WERE MORE THAN 70 DESTROYERS UNDERGOING REPAIR IN DOCKYARDS DUE TO ENEMY DAMAGE.

Ten or eleven destroyers were sunk and heavy casualties suffered. The effect was that there was an immediate increase in the loss of merchant shipping tonnage which was not surprising.

First requirement was to place damaged ships in service again. This was done in spite of the ship-building and repairing industry which had been allowed to drop to too low a level in peace time, which meant the organisation of additional workers and the training of workers, in itself a large task.

Nevertheless the ships came out and though we did not build to the extent we desired, it was amazing how much we had done to stiffen the strength of the Fleet in succeeding months.

French Defection

In addition to new destroyers and cruisers there had been added to the Fleet tremendously important ships known as corvettes, "which we have now in very large numbers and I hope to get in increasing numbers."

Mr. Alexander added that the defection of the French fleet required the drafting of ships engaged in escort duty in the Atlantic to the Mediterranean, to take the place of casualties, which made the task of other escorting ships more difficult.

"I will say, despite any criticisms, that the work was being done with such a measure of success as to enable all of us not to know anything of the pangs of hunger."

Dealing with the Battle of the Atlantic, Mr. Alexander said it was quite certain that in the last four months improved organisation in the north-west approaches had resulted in a weight of attack on enemy submarines which had meant that the enemy could not stop there and take it but had to go to other areas.

Air Menace

Regarding the menace from air attack, he pointed out that in the whole of the last war, when the huge tonnage of 12 millions were sunk by enemy action, only 8,000 tons succumbed to air attack.

To-day we had to face air attack on our shipping not only in our own coastal waters but in the Mediterranean as well.

What the Royal Navy rejoiced in was the extent to which our Air Force, in the last few weeks, was beginning to take toll of enemy shipping, of which we had already sunk or captured 3,200,000 tons since war started.

Perfectly Grand

In a tribute to the work of the Merchant Navy, Mr. Alexander concluded: "It is perfectly grand when one hears of a merchant ship putting down a submarine or of a little ship off the north-east coast of Scotland coming into port with the remains of two aeroplanes on its decks, or hearing of the shooting down of a great and powerful long-range Nazi bomber." — British Wireless.

ELECTRIC SHOCK FROM TELEPHONE

Using a telephone in the Argyle Street Chinese Soldiers' Internment Camp during the height of a thunderstorm yesterday, an Indian Constable (B366), Mehan Khan, received an electric shock and has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital. His condition this morning was stated to have improved.

WAR ON SHANGHAI TERRORISTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The murder of Mr. Chikayuki Akagi, Japanese Deputy Commissioner in the Shanghai Settlement Police, is expected to result in the shattering of the large terrorist gang responsible for many killings.

One of the pair of assassins has been handed over to the Japanese gendarmerie, together with three suspects arrested in police raids, and it is expected they will give information leading to the discovery and apprehension of the entire ring.

Mr. Jack Liddell, Chairman of the S.M.C., has written a letter of condolence to the Japanese consul-general and ordered Municipal flags to be flown at half-mast. Attacked in his car while taking his sick wife to hospital, Mr. Akagi was the second Deputy Commissioner to be shot recently. Deputy Commissioner Yao Tseng-moo was assassinated several months ago. — International News Service.

AIR TRAINING CORPS SUCCESS

Replying to a Commons question the Air Secretary said the progress of the Air Training Corps continues to give cause for satisfaction.

The number of units formed is now 1340 with a total strength of about 190,000 cadets.

Over 5,000 candidates for commissions have been accepted for service with the Corps and some 740 units have been affiliated to R.A.F. stations. — British Wireless.

FOUR SHOT DOWN

It is now known that a fourth enemy aircraft was shot down over Britain on Monday night, says a British Wireless message.

The Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security stated last night "Up to 7.30, nothing to report." — British Wireless.

NORWAY QUESTION

Approximately 11,700 French troops were sent to Norway at the time of the Nazi invasion. It was stated in the Commons yesterday. — British Wireless.

CONDUIT ROAD CRASH

The Conduit Road residence of Mr. K. Kuizumi, a member of the staff of the Japanese Consulate-General, was hastily evacuated this morning at about 9.20 a.m., when several tons of rock, the "tail-end" of a serious landslide higher up the hill, came crashing through the roof.

Although the building, a two-storey house, No. A7, was badly damaged, there were no casualties.

Higher up the hill, some hundreds of tons of earth and rock were brought down by the torrential rains of the last few days, sweeping down the sharp slope crossing the path above the house, and pouring rocks and rubble into the garden and on to the roof. Windows were smashed and the ground-floor living rooms were covered with earth and stones.

The damaged house is one of a group in close proximity to the Japanese Consul-General's residence.

Careful watch is now being kept as there appears to be danger of further falls from the precipitous slopes above the houses.

Woman Killed By Salwanho 'Slide'

One woman lost her life and a second sustained serious injury when a landslide occurred at Salwanho shortly after 1 p.m. to-day. The hut, in which the women were staying, was buried. The landslide took place in the Tai Ming Street district of Salwanho, near the Market. The body of the dead woman has been recovered. The injured woman was rushed to Queen Mary Hospital, where her condition was described as serious.

Gum Club Hill Crash

A landslide occurred in Austin Road, near Gum Club Hill, at 9.25 last night when about six tons of earth and rocks crashed from the hillside on to the road. P.W.D. coolies started work almost immediately and the thoroughfare opened for traffic before noon to-day. — British Wireless.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

UNREALITIES IN INDIA

The strange contradictions always presented by Indian politics were never more apparent than they are to-day. On the one hand the Congress Party, still the most powerful political organisation in the country, continues to refuse co-operation with the Government and to oppose and boycott the organisation of resistance to tyrannies which its leaders have unsparingly condemned. The All-India Moslem League, second only to the Congress in numbers and its equal in organisation, declines to co-operate with the Government unless they fall in with its scheme of dividing India into "two nations," a Hindu Hindustan and a Moslem Pakistan—a programme which no student of Indian history, and indeed no Indian patriot, can regard without the gravest misgiving. As if this were not enough, the Mahasabha Party, which represents the conservative Hindus of the higher castes, now comes along with an appeal to Hindus to join the fighting services, not because of a deep sense of the importance of this war to India, but because alarm has developed at the military training being acquired by Indians of the Muslim faith. Regarded from the political angle the picture is gloomy enough to arouse serious misgivings. Yet it does not reproduce all the facts of the situation. The wheels of Government turn without interruption; the Indian war-effort expands daily with the support of those supposed to be the chief allies of the Congress; the Princes and notables of the land are aiding the Raj in every possible way. It is impossible to resist the conclusion that there is a certain unreality in the attitudes of the chief Indian party leaders.

Certainly there are increasing signs that thoughtful elements in India recognise this, and are becoming increasingly critical of the policy followed by Mr. Gandhi and until recently by Mr. Jinnah. Mr. Gandhi, having ordered some 3,000 prominent members of his party to defy the law and insist on being imprisoned by a reluctant Government, is more than ever a dictator; yet it is significant that part of the pro-Congress Press, led by "The Hindu," is becoming increasingly critical of his policy.



STEP BY STEP

The Fatal Years

Several books have been written about those momentous years in which Hitler built up his power. The diary of William Dodd, who was the United States Ambassador between 1933 and the close of 1937, gives a particularly vivid and illuminating picture. Dodd was a cultivated man, an historian, holding liberal and democratic views, and his comments and descriptions show that he was a man of insight who es-

caped the illusions that blinded so many of his contemporaries. His liberal views were displayed in his criticism of the fiscal policy of the United States—"Nations cannot set up hard and fast barriers," he said, "and then expect payment of international debts"—and in his strong regrets that President Wilson had failed to persuade his countrymen that the United States should join the League of Nations. His democratic views were displayed in his criticisms of the habits and conventions of diplomacy.

"The Louis VIX and Victoria style and times had passed. The nations of the world were bankrupt, including our own. It was time to cease grand style performances. . . . I urged the necessity of having ambassadors and assistants who knew the history and traditions of the countries to which they were sent, men who think of their own country's interest, not so much about a different suit of clothes each day."

It is important, when we reflect on the disastrous failure of the civilised world to protect itself from the growing peril in Germany, to note how its diplomatic arrangements struck this observant man.

Hitler Wiles

These pages bring out clearly the success of Hitler in drawing Germans, even sceptical and hostile Germans, into his orbit. Professors and scientists who used at first to come to Dodd to air their dislike of the Nazi regime gradually became less hostile and then actual sympathisers. Hitler tried his wiles on Dodd, going so far on one occasion, when they were driving together, as to make his chauffeur stop and tear down incendiary posters against the Jews. Dodd understood him, and never fell into the illusion, from which some of his diplomatic colleagues suffered, that he was at heart a man of peace who had no ambitions that threatened Europe. Dodd described him in March, 1934, as being sincere in his talk of peaceful purposes, with the reservation that he wanted peace on his own terms, and that those terms included the domination of Europe. He has shrewd and vivid pictures of Hitler, Goebbels, and Goering, whom he aptly compares with the ruthless buccaneers in Roman politics.

His account of Goering's hospitality first in the woods of the National Park, with bisons and little wild horses, then at the sham medieval house he built for his hunting lodge, recalls the extravagances by which Potemkin used to amuse the Empress Catherine when travelling in Russia.

Weak Defences

It is easy to see from the conversations described in these pages how weak were the defences of the civilised world against this new power. It should have been obvious from the first that the other nations must combine in defence of their principles. But this they could not do. Even Britain and the United States could not always recognise their common interest. In December, 1933, Dodd found from conversations with Sir Eric Phipps that Britain was less ready than the United States to oppose Japanese aggression in the Far East. The difference between France and Britain over Italy was described in a statement by Armand Berard, whom Dodd described as an intimate friend of the French Ambassador.

"France is perturbed, especially at England's acceptance of Hitler's promises as sincere. We cannot believe he is pacific, but the French people will not go to war. We made a pact with Italy last year, much as we disliked Mussolini, simply to stop German aggression, and we had to promise him the annexation of Abyssinia. I hope Mussolini has sense enough to annex a little of the country at a time, as we did in Morocco. We have urged that upon the Italians. They may not observe this precipitate trouble."

Not Taken In

Berard went on to give Dodd a piece of news. "Laval, our Foreign Minister, wishes to come here and talk with Hitler. My Ambassador is leaving for Paris to-night in order to stop this, if possible. We do not think any agreement with Germany can be made."

Another incident recorded in this book has a topical interest. In May, 1935, when Dodd thought Hitler was tricking England, with disastrous consequences, he said that however earnest and emphatic Hitler was in his professions of goodwill he was not taken in by them. Hitler had once told him that he "would throw any German official into the North Sea if he sent propaganda to the United States," and to strengthen the impression of his sincerity he had an order forbidding such propaganda cabled to German officials.

"But there are 600 employees in the foreign propaganda division now active in Berlin, nor was there any let-up in the United States in 1934, although perhaps for a time the consuls suspended activity." Dodd left full of gloom, certain that there was no hope unless the Powers of Europe were united and strongly armed to resist this ruthless power.

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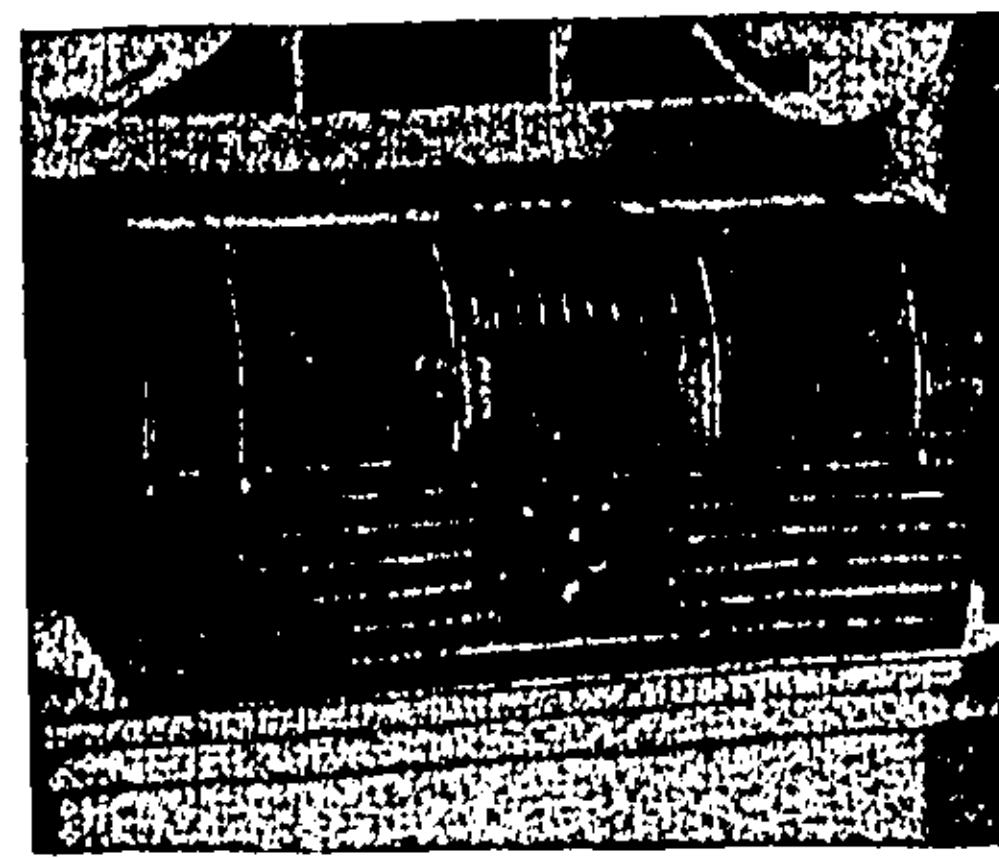
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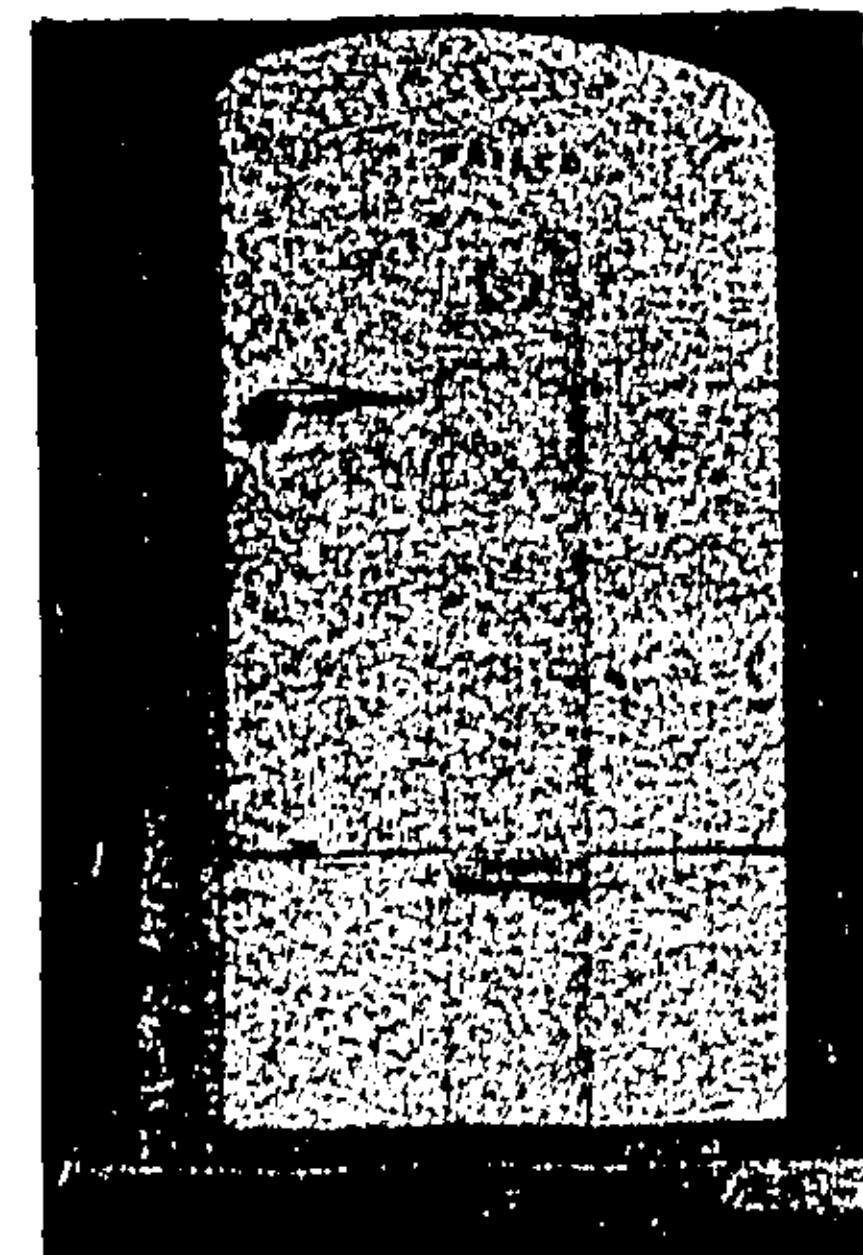
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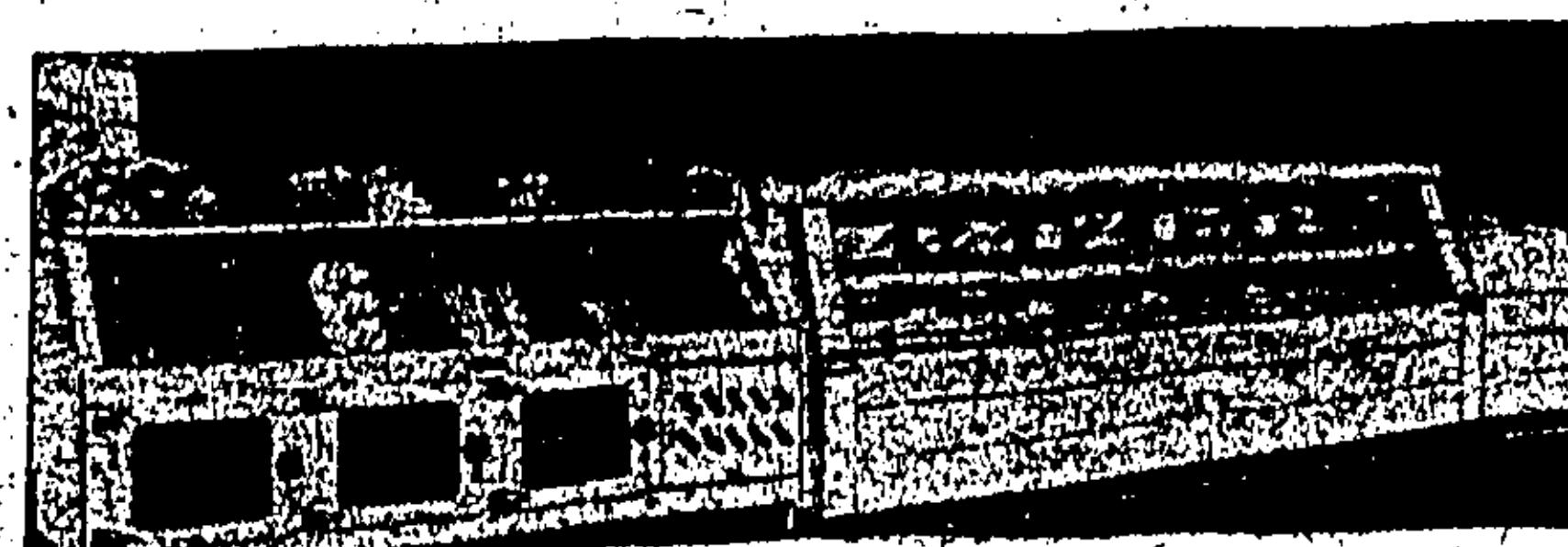
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Terrific Tank Battle On Escarpment Above Halfaya

(By Reuter's Chief Correspondent in Cairo)

ONE OF THE BIGGEST ENCOUNTERS WITH TANKS EVER SEEN TOOK PLACE ON SUNDAY ON THE ESCARPMENT NEAR HALFAYA PASS, ON THE EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN FRONTIER, ACCORDING TO REPORTS REACHING CAIRO LAST NIGHT.

Raising clouds of sand, tanks and other fighting vehicles charged, attacked, counter-attacked and reformed in surprising manoeuvres.

British tanks made a wide sweeping movement south of Halfaya Pass, charged up the escarpment, and debouched on fighting ground in the triangle formed by Halfaya Pass, Sollum and Fort Capuzzo.

REPORTS OF THIS OPERATION, THOUGH IT WAS OF LIMITED SCOPE, HAVE AROUSED GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND EXCITEMENT IN EGYPT BECAUSE IT SHOWS—

Firstly, that General Wavell, whose name has a magic ring for the Egyptians, is strong enough to conduct operations on two fronts simultaneously, and Secondly, that supplies and equipment, which have been steadily pouring in for months from Britain, America, India and Australia, must now be approaching the point of being really adequate.—Reuter.

Modest Beginning?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
It was stated in London that at least 12 Italian tanks were smashed in Sunday's mechanised battle in which British and Indian infantry were also engaged.

DESPITE THE CAREFULLY GUARDED OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE OPERATION, MILITARY CIRCLES IN LONDON RECALL THAT GENERAL WAVELL'S SHATTERING WINTER OFFENSIVE BEGAN IN A SIMILAR MODEST FASHION AND GAINED MOMENTUM AS IT ROLLED ALONG.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Heavy Fighting

Heavy fighting in Libya and Syria is reported in yesterday's communiqué from British G.H.Q. in Cairo, which states:

"By a surprise movement our troops made an initial penetration as far as Fort Capuzzo.

Enemy reinforcements have been hurried forward from the Tobruk area and many determined counter-attacks have so far been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. Operations are proceeding.—British Wireless.

Regular Battle

The fighting in the Sollum-Capuzzo-Halfaya triangle looks like developing into a regular battle.

The British troops are driving back the Germans and Italians and have got as far as Capuzzo, but not necessarily into it, according to military authorities in Cairo last night. The Germans and Italians are understood to be still at Sollum but they are distinctly threatened with being cut off by the operations on the plain above Sollum.

They are rushing up reinforcements from the Tobruk area and it is difficult to prophesy the future course of the engagement.

At the moment, tanks, gun-carriers, armoured cars and mobile artillery are taking part and are jockeying for position in a bid to secure a useful jumping-off ground in the "triangle."

This area is very useful to whoever holds it, and inconvenient to the side that does not.

There has been little doing on the coast plain near Sollum compared with the really hard fighting in progress on the escarpment above.—Reuter.

SPECTACULAR SWEEP BY R.A.F. OF CHANNEL

Clouds of R.A.F. fighters carried out a spectacular offensive sweep over the Straits of Dover and the French coast last night.

Several squadrons of fighters were engaged and for some time the Channel throbbed with the deep unbroken roar of powerful motors.—Reuter.

DISPUTE AT THE KAM LING

A Chinese merchant, Wong Kwong-wah, was bound over in the sum of \$100 to be of good behaviour for one year by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for assaulting a waiter, Leung Sai-so, of the Kam Ling Restaurant, West Point, on June 10.

Wong Kit-sang had his bail of \$50 estreated when he failed to appear in connection with the same case.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ pleaded guilty on behalf of accused. Mr. Alfred Y. Hon appeared for complainant, while Mr. M. A. da Silva held a watching brief on behalf of the Hong Kong Restaurant Waiters' Association.

Mr. Hon said that on the night of June 10, defendant, with ten other guests, were having supper in the restaurant. In an argument with complainant over removing a mahjong set from the room, accused, it was alleged, threw a chair at complainant.

Second accused threw a glass and a cup and the waiter received injuries to his forehead.

Mr. Russ said his client was very sorry for what he had done, but pointed out that second defendant was the man who started the fight.

NEW SECRET DEFENCE DEVICES ARE SUCCESS

In the last British invasion manoeuvres completely new means of detecting enemy forces were extremely successful.

The existence of new British secret means of defence in case of invasion was reported in the B.B.C. broadcast for the German forces.

ROBBERS SENT FOR FOR TERM

Four years' hard labour was imposed on Yu Kun-yeung, Wong Ming and Li Sai-ying by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when they pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery by two or more. Yu Kun-yeung was sentenced to an additional six months for unlawful possession of arms.

SNATCHING IN QUEEN'S ROAD

For the theft of a wrist-watch set with diamonds, 32-year-old Yu Sam was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning.

Sub-Inspector T. K. Whelan said that accused was apprehended after he snatched the watch from a Chinese lady in Queen's Road Central, yesterday afternoon.

Three cholera cases were notified yesterday. There were also 34 cases of tuberculosis, eight of dysentery, two of typhoid, and one of measles.

INVASION TEST HORROR

From the town of Moulin in occupied France I have received an account of a remarkable and fatal experiment carried out by the Germans during one of their frequent practices for the invasion of Britain, writes a correspondent.

The Nazis sprayed petrol on a lonely reach of the River Allier outside the town. Then they set it alight. Troops in supposedly fireproof overalls were ordered to plunge into the resulting sea of flame.

The test ended in disaster. The garments proved no protection. Some men were burned to death and others severely scarred.

Secret Experiment

It is impossible to discover the exact number of casualties or the scope of the experiment, since it was carried out secretly. But my information comes from a French doctor who was called to attend the victims. A number of cases he saw were beyond aid.

It is firmly believed in France, among the occupation troops as well as the civilian population, that a German expedition set out across the Channel last autumn, but was destroyed through British naval units spraying petrol on the sea and igniting it by incendiary bullets.

This story has never been confirmed nor denied by official British quarters, but it had and still has a powerful effect on the morale of the German troops. They believe they are going to be sent on a suicidal expedition against Britain, and face the prospect with unconcealed dread. Invasion drill still forms part of their routine training.

EVACUATION OF SYRIA CIVILIANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Turkish officials in Ankara report that General Delhomme, French Governor of Damascus, now in Istanbul, is arranging for evacuation of civilians from Syria.—International News Service.

FORGED NOTES

Pleading guilty to possession of 16 forged \$1 banknotes, Wong Shu was this morning sentenced to 10 months' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

GERMAN THREAT TO RUSSIA: LONDON CAUTION

CONFICTING TALES OF GERMAN INTENTIONS REGARDING RUSSIA ARE RECEIVED IN LONDON WITH RESERVE.

Reports of German troop concentrations on the Russian frontiers, which are not specifically denied by official Moscow statements, may be accounted for in various ways.

Hitler may be following his well-known technique of trying to enforce economic concessions by a show of armed might without the need of fighting at all.

Alternatively he may be carrying to a logical conclusion the plan laid down in "Mein Kampf" for the shattering of Russian military power.

There may be other entirely valid reasons in the Nazi mind. One of them might conceivably be an effort to confuse not only British and American leaders but also their peoples by gigantic successes in the East and thus weaken their resolution in the battle in the west.

Such a manoeuvre is doomed to failure, as it is well understood by the Democracies that their task is the destruction of Nazism—nothing less.

The Main Task

Imposing feats by Hitler in other fields, even if followed by spectacular results, leave that task unchanged and unimpaired.

Relentlessly, in the Premier's words, Britain will fight the Germans wherever she finds them.

Whatever the result of the present situation in German and Russian relations, Britain, while interested to see whether Hitler succeeds in a fresh "double-cross," will not permit her war effort to be affected in the slightest degree.—British Wireless.

SOUND NERVES IN BRITAIN

Surprisingly good health and wonderful nerves is the summarised verdict on Britain in war-time brought back to Washington by Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon-General of the United States Public Health Service, after spending a month and a half there.

Not only had there not been any epidemics in England, he said, but influenza was less prevalent than in the United States.

The British character, he considered, was the chief factor enabling the nation's inhabitants to pull through repeated air raids without appreciable effect on their nerves. There were very few cases of shellshock.

Dr. Parran praised highly health and sanitary measures adopted in air-raid shelters, correcting the impression prevalent in the United States that they were bad.

There was not any shortage of hospital beds, but the hospitals "could use some of our American doctors," Dr. Parran declared.

NAZIS FEAR BRITISH FIRE BOMBS

Hungarians returning to Budapest from the Leipzig Fair say the new British incendiary bombs are greatly feared in Germany.

Films are being shown to teach people how to deal with the fire bombs, but the methods depicted are said to be useless.

The current joke in Germany is: "Have you read the new book by Keitel, 'Seven Years' Blitzkrieg against England?"

Throughout the country Italy is now referred to as occupied territory, and the greeting "Heil Hitler" is now generally dispensed with, say the Hungarians.

IMPORTANT TOKYO TALKS

The Japanese Ambassador in London, Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, has left on the first stage of his journey to Tokyo.

According to present arrangements the Ambassador will return to his post in London when his conversations with the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, have been completed.

The decision to go to Tokyo was taken when it was proved impossible for Mr. Shigemitsu to see Mr. Matsuoka during the latter's visit this year to Moscow and Berlin.

The Ambassador is to fly across the Atlantic and America and will complete his long journey by sea.

He is accompanied by the First and Third Secretaries of the Japanese Embassy in London.

The First Secretary has been appointed to a post in South America and will proceed thither from New York. His place as First Secretary in London has been taken by Mr. Ymada.—Reuter.

Irish Channel Heroism

Survivors from the S.S. Saint Patrick, bombed and sunk by a German aircraft, have told of the heroism and bravery of the wireless operator and a stewardess.

The wireless room was wrecked but the wireless operator, R. N. Campbell, groping his way in complete darkness to the wireless emergency set, stood amongst the debris and sent off two messages for assistance.

Directly the ship was attacked a stewardess, Miss Owen, at once collected the women and children from the cabins and led them to the boatdeck.

When a boat had been launched she took charge of the boatload of children and looked after them until they were picked up and taken to port.—British Wireless.

NAZI AGENT ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Guenther Tonn, assistant director of the Trans-Ocean news service in the United States, attempted suicide on Ellis Island yesterday, where he is being held on a Federal warrant while awaiting deportation.

Meanwhile the Federal Bureau of Investigation has banned Trans-Ocean from the presidential press conferences.—International News Service.

VILLA FOR AIR MARSHAL BOYD

News of Air Marshal O. T. Boyd's life as a prisoner-of-war in Italy has been received from a British airman, who is acting as his servant.

The Marshal was captured by the Italians when flying to the Middle East to take up an appointment last winter. His plane made a forced descent in Sicily.

In a letter home from a camp at Sulmona, about 80 miles east of Rome, Leading Aircraftman Arnold McWhinnie, whose mother lives in the Isle of Man, states:

"Air Marshal Boyd arrived at Sulmona on Christmas Eve and, being the equivalent of a General in the army, is well looked after.

"They gave him a posh villa, formerly owned by a nobleman, and also sent two Air Force sergeants to look after him. One sergeant is the cook, the other a kind of butler, and I am a butler-cum-

valet to the Marshal and his A.D.C. As we were bearded and wearing Italian clothes, the Marshal and his A.D.C. believed we were Italian soldiers.

"It was very amusing when they found out we were British. It happened when I was serving dinner on the first night.

Perfect English

"I had not previously spoken to them, and when I eventually did say something to the A.D.C., he turned to the Marshal in amazement and said: 'Doesn't the man speak perfect English, Sir?' I told them I was a British airman, and didn't they laugh!"

WEALTHY PILOT'S MYSTERY CRASH

A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest at Maidenhead on Robert Loewenstein, 30-years-old millionaire pilot in the Air Transport Auxiliary, who was killed in a crash.

Constance Loxton said she saw a plane flying very low. It went out of sight behind a hedge, the engine stopping. She thought the machine had landed. The engine started again and the plane reappeared. It was tipping sideways with the left wing sticking up. It disappeared behind some trees and crashed.

Pilot Off. Francis, A.T.A., said that Mr. Loewenstein was an experienced pilot. The machine would have been tested before he left in it.

Mr. Loewenstein was the son of the late Capt. Alfred Loewenstein, the Belgian financier, who fell from his plane into the English Channel in 1928.

BUCHAREST BLACKOUT

REINTRODUCTION OF THE BLACK-OUT IN BUCHAREST IS REPORTED BY THE BUDAPEST CORRESPONDENT OF THE "BASLER NACHRICHTEN."

The correspondent adds: "Shortage of several important food-stuffs and other articles in common use is beginning to make itself felt in Bucharest."

The shortage, he says, involves meat, fats, oil, coffee, tea, rice, flour, soap, textiles and leather.

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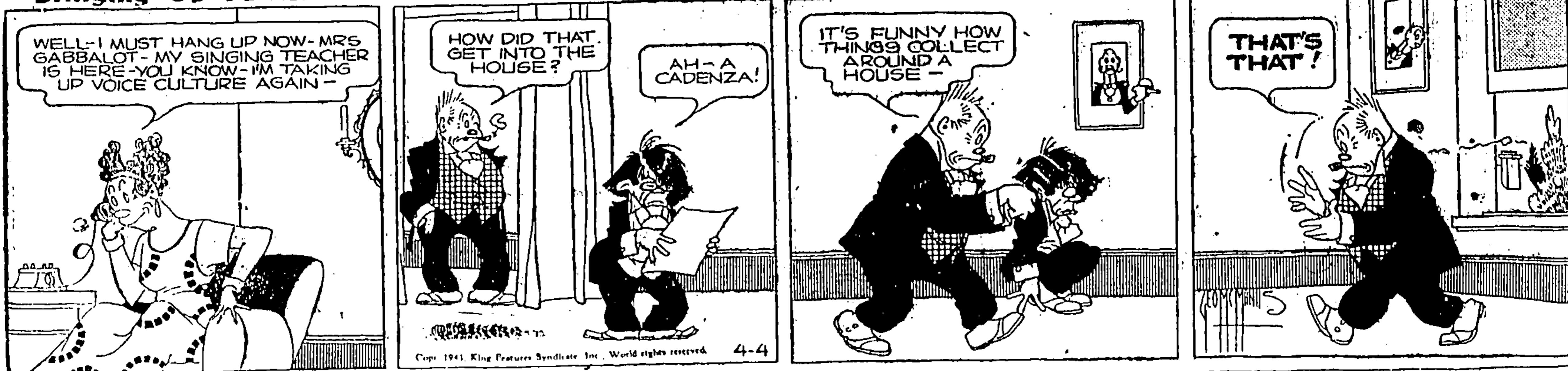
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Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Children Aren't Born Criminals

What does the War mean to children?

Monica Pearson has been talking to Magistrates who sit in Juvenile Courts, to Probation Officers and Social Workers in many parts of Britain. She tells here some of the facts and opinions she has learnt about the Children who have been hit by the War.

"We are . . . breeding a race of young criminals." This was the openly expressed verdict of the Recorder, Mr. Noel B. Goldie, K.C., M.P., at the Manchester Quarter Sessions recently.

Certainly the figures on the calendar presented to him were sufficiently grim to excuse a hint of pessimism. There were 62 cases, and apart from three, the whole of the offences had been committed by young men under the age of 25, the majority being youths between 17 and 20.

Elsewhere the report of the Chief Constable of Liverpool shows that the number of juveniles proceeded against for larcenies and breakings-in during the fourth quarter of 1940 was the highest on record.

Without going into further figures, I can say that in almost every part of the country there is an increase in figures for delinquency among juveniles and adolescents.

Sometimes the rise is a steep one. There are, moreover, restlessness and difficulties in approved schools on an unprecedented scale. There is a vast increase in the number of girls, some of them as young as 12 years, drifting into society and circumstances fraught with grave moral danger.

I have talked to men and women who are in close touch with this most urgent problem. I have spoken to probation officers, school teachers, school psychologists, Magistrates, heads of approved schools, medical men and policemen.

I have sat in juvenile courts, toured evacuation and reception areas, schools and shelters.

As a result, I am firmly convinced that there is a solution.

I do not quarrel with the harsh phraseology of Manchester's Recorder. Unless facts are stated somewhat violently, due attention will not be paid to their urgency.

Rival Cures

But when he states, "The position is appalling in the middle of a war like this," I must take exception. I would say, rather, that the position is inevitable in a war like this—unless we extend and adjust certain social services.

Our main concern should be, not to hold up hands of horror and say, "Tut, tut, how shocking!" but that we should tackle the problem in the right way.

There are three schools of thought. At one end is the "Bless 'em all" attitude of aged Magistrates, often infirm, frequently deaf, and at times in their dotage, at whose nursery rebukes the young sinners in juvenile courts, barely repress their contemptuous sniggers.

At the other extreme is the "Flog 'em all" school.

In between are those who have made the whole question their life's work and study, and who have many concrete proposals to put forward.

Angered Police

Actually, one set of extremists helps to produce the other. I sat in our Juvenile court recently where an 80-year-old chairman, no doubt benevolent, kind, and worthy, addressed one youngster after another in terms so unimpressive, even though interspersed with legal terms that no youngster would ever understand—that

the children left the court with an air of triumph.

Local police, who had spent much time and trouble in following up the cases, were exasperated. A burly inspector murmured in my ear that a few good sound thrashings would soon put a stop to these cases.

He pointed out to me one boy whom he described as a "thorough bad 'un." Perhaps he was, and if I had been the inspector and he had looked at me with that air of cheeky triumph, I, too, might have felt exasperated.

But he was a boy of fine physique and good mentality, a lively and too active child. A thrashing certainly wouldn't turn him into a good boy, but the right supervision, training and full occupation might make him into a fine citizen.

Mercifully, the court boasted an elderly probation officer of great experience and much wisdom to counteract the futility of

By Monica Pearson

the Magistrates and the somewhat crude outlook of the police.

But taking the same view as the burly inspector, and with considerably less excuse, are such bodies as the Nottingham Education Committee, whose members were reported to have been so alarmed at the misdemeanour of boys that they sent a letter to the local Magistrates asking them to use the birch more frequently!

Please note this phrase! They don't ask even for the birch to be used for certain types or certain offences, but just "more frequently." The "Flog 'em all" school definitely.

War Courses

Here are briefly the principal causes of the increase in delinquency figures for which these worthies believe that the birch is the one infallible cure: First, evacuation, and under this heading come disruption of social services (redistribution of the child population was not followed by adequate redistribution of these services), unsuitable billeting, violent change in surroundings and background leading to instability and nervous troubles, half-time school resulting in far too much undirected leisure, break up of the family unit.

Then there are the fatherless homes. Father's dictatorship often has to do duty for good training, and when the dictatorship is withdrawn, John, and Jane proceed to run amok.

Most potent cause is the black-out with its opportunities for crime and theft, its effect in closing clubs and holding up the work of evening institutes. Important, too, is the shelter where young people can not only escape from parental or other control, but where they can, and do, find refuge when they abscond from home and Approved School.

Then, alas the army has claimed some of the most important social service workers in the country. N.S.P.C.C. inspectors, boys' club leaders, school-masters and others, whose places cannot possibly be filled adequately in a short space of time, were not scheduled among those in reserved occupations.

The N.S.P.C.C. has lost 80 inspectors. It was their job to see that homes do not develop into breeding grounds for juvenile delinquency.

Another exceedingly important factor is the reduction in accommodation in Approved Schools. For some years there has been an urgent need for more accommodation because of the realisation that an increase in prevention means a decrease in prison population.

After-Care

Evacuation of schools and the call-up of schoolmasters has greatly increased the urgency of that need.

It has meant that all terms of commitment both for Borstal and for Approved Schools have to be shortened, which, as any good head will tell you, may lead not only to the failure of the effort to reclaim the individual, but to the spread of delinquency.

Here's a concrete instance. A lad, with a bad previous record, was recently released after only seven months in Borstal. He immediately organised fellow-shelterers to steal cars and break into premises, and became the "brains" of a gang of youths.

Mr. H. E. Norman, secretary of the Probation Officers' Association and one of the foremost authorities on juvenile problems in the country, writes in "Probation": "This resort to rapid turn-over in re-education is likely to produce new difficulties in the after-care question.

"After-care, for the duration of the war and for many years after, will have to be regarded as a specialised form of social work . . ." He adds a proposal for pooling after-care work with the appointment of whole-time regional social workers "without delay."

Sex Offences

Also concerned is the matron of a girls' home in the Midlands, a woman superbly successful with her very human and progressive methods and pioneer treatment. Girl delinquents are sent to her when other methods fail.

For almost the first time in her difficult but brilliant career she is, she confessed to me, troubled and depressed.

"I am having far too many girls absconding, and where we had formerly a collection of girls with a variety of offences, we are now having a great many of one type, sex types. It's the general unrest, weakening of parental control, and, above all, the glamour of uniform.

"The influence of the absconders—they can always take refuge in shelters in war time—is a menace to the rest of the school work. There should be a separate school for such girls.

"Then, too, there should be separate treatment for girls who are emotionally and mentally unstable. Many of them are of average and even of high mental capacity, and should not be subjected to the same treatment as the mentally sub-normal."

Her girls, she told me, were too old for psychological treatment.

In connection with this it is of interest to note how evacuation has affected the psychological department of a city boasting one of the best educational systems in the country.

To this city has been sent a batch of evacuees, the complete

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In another town not far distant from this one evacuees who found their way into the Children's Court were dealt with leniently on the tacit understanding that they returned to their own much-bombed city. One way of dealing with delinquency.

Much of the trouble among adolescents, according to one probation officer, was the result of a determination to "have a final fling" before being called up for military service.

The same officer showed me how the figures in his area, which had shot up 100 per cent during the first winter of the war, had

Responsibility

All these thinking, experienced people were agreed that the uncertainty, the disruption, the abnormality, the tension of life while the world is in the melting pot must have its effect on the youngsters, apart from the individual changes wrought in their own lives.

The glamour of uniforms has seized the imagination of the girls; the glamour of war has taken hold of the young boys.

We are responsible, not they. We have let civilisation drift back into barbarism. We have let the spirit of force and destruction creep onward until it has engulfed all existence.

Are we going to find a solution by the birch and give them another lesson in violence, or are we to try to make up the deficiency in their lives by planning?

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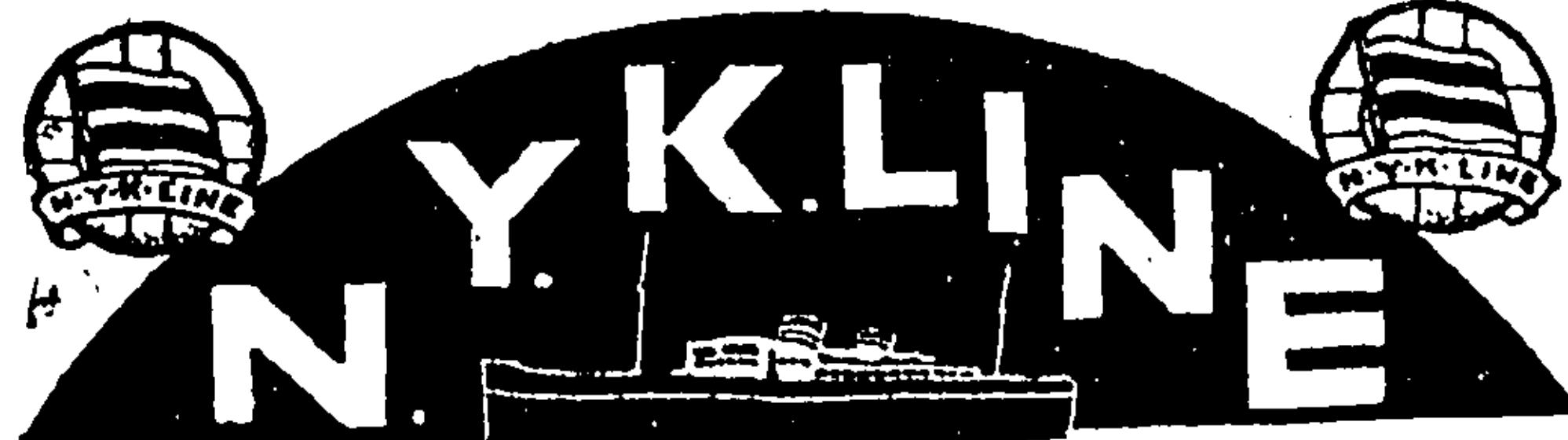
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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Billy Mayerl (Piano) and Orchestra.

Billy Mayerl Memories—Intro: Sweet William; Green Tulips; Marigold; Chopsticks; Ace of Spades; Ace of Diamonds; Bats in the Belfry... Billy Mayerl & his Claviers. Where The Blue Begins (film 'Top of the World')—Intro: Love stay in my heart; Fools Rush In (Mercer, Bloom)...Billy Mayerl (Piano). Fox-Trots—Love Was Born; Stranger in a Cup of Tea (both from 'Crazy Days')...Bill Mayerl & his Orchestra.

1.20 p.m.—Duologues by Arthur Askey and Richard Murdoch.

Talking Shop (Askey & Murdoch).

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1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.46 p.m.—Compositions of Vaughan Williams.

Is My Team Ploughing ... Keith Falkner (Vocal) with Piano accomp. Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tailor...The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult. Silent Noon Stuart Robertson (Baritone) with Piano accomp.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Nat Shilkret & His Orchestra and Ina Souez (Soprano).

The Doll Dance (Brown) Nat Shilkret & his Orchestra. Love Everlasting (Friml)...Ina Souez (Soprano) with Orchestra. Flap-petite (Greer)...Nat Shilkret & his Orchestra. I Want Your Heart (Haydn Wood)...Ina Souez (Soprano) with Orchestra. "Dollar Princess"—Medley (Fall) Nat Shilkret & his Orchestra. Love, I Give You My All (from 'Luana'); Always (from 'Puritan Lullaby')—Dyrenforth & Smith)...Ina Souez (Soprano) with Orchestra.

7.17 p.m.—Violin Solos.

Serenade (Arensky); Intermezzo (Mascagni—from 'Cavalleria Rusticana')...Albert Sammons with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore. Zapateado, Op. 23 (Sarasate); Hungarian Dance No. 7 in A Major (Brahms—Joachim) Yehudi Menuhin with Piano accomp. by Marcel Gazeille.

7.30 p.m.—Compositions of Purcell.

A Trumpet Voluntary (for Brass and Organ)...Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Hallé Orchestra; Solo Trumpet: Alex. Harris; Organist: Harold Dawber, Nymphs and Shepherds...Elsie Sudaby (Soprano) with Piano. Hornpipe in E Minor; Minuet; Cannaries: Hornpipe in D Major...The Pipers' Guild Quartet. Passing By...Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano accomp. Suite from Dido and Aeneas (Scored for Modern Orchestra by Cailliet)—Overture-Adagio: Allegro moderato—Tempo di Minuetto—Lento: Prelude for the Witches—Echo Dance of the Furies—Ritornelle—Prelude to Act 3—Recit. & Aria "When I am laid in earth" Eugene Ormandy & the Philadelphia Orch.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.

8.30 p.m.—Mayerbeer — Ballet Suite "Les Patineurs".

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8.40 p.m.—Studio — "Some British Poets" No. 31 Burns, Father T. Ryah, S.J.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Announcements and Programming Summary.

9.02 p.m.—Music and Songs from the Films.

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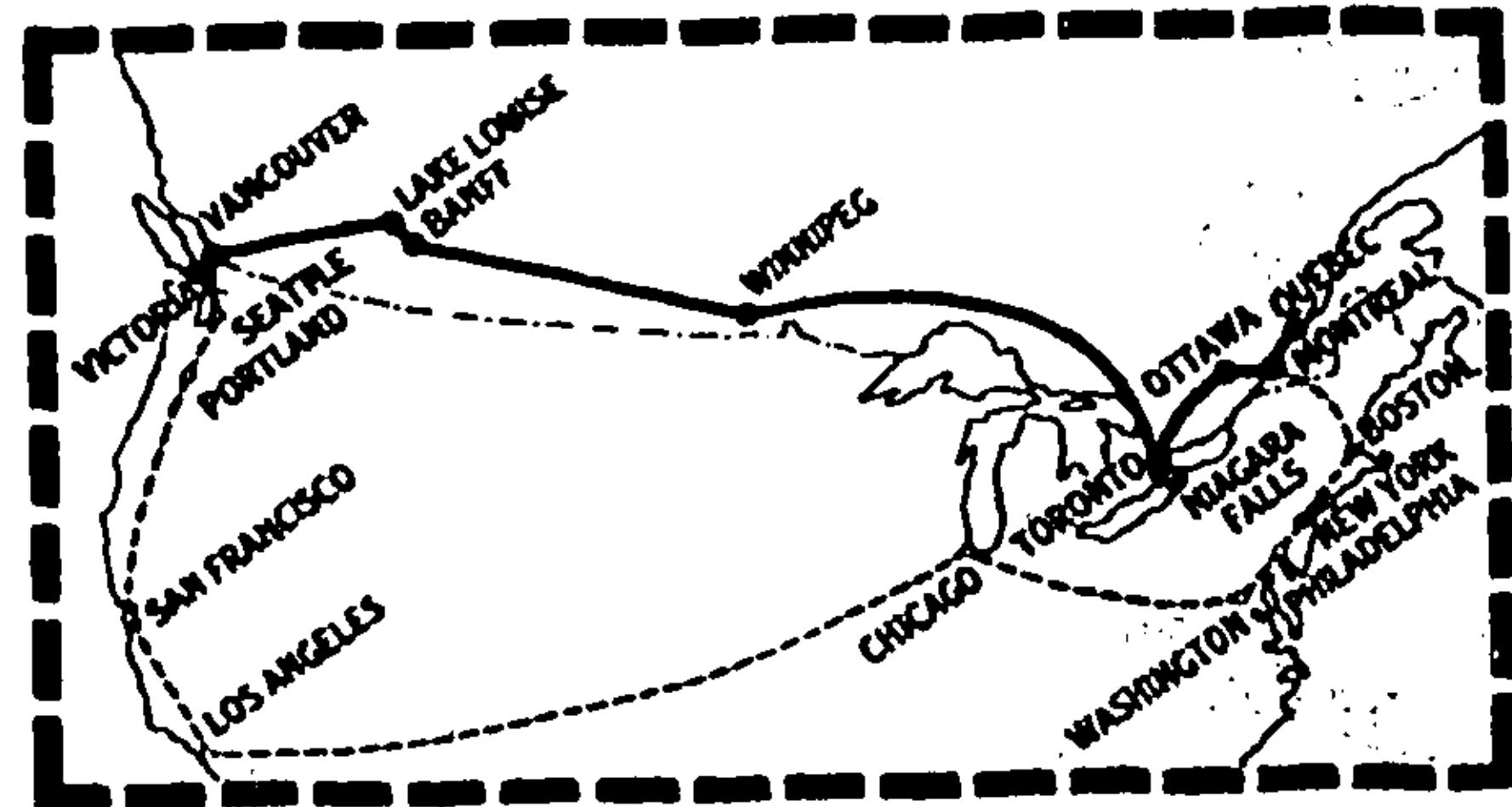
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11.00 p.m.—London Relay—Coronation Column. Talk by Sidney Hornblow.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

OOLONG BEST CHINA PONY ON VIEW AT THE VALLEY

Then Comes O-Lan, Followed By Confusion Bay

BLUE FIELD MOST IMPROVED PONY IN THE FIRST HALF

By "Rapier"

HAVING DEALT WITH THE AUSTRALIAN PONIES IN MY LAST ARTICLE, I WILL NOW CONCLUDE MY REVIEW OF THE EXTRA RACE MEETINGS OF THE FIRST HALF OF THE 1941 RACING SEASON AT THE VALLEY WITH A FEW COMMENTS ON THE CHINA PONIES.

RECREIO LOSE TO INDIANS

In First Division of the Tennis League on Sunday, Indian R.C. beat Club de Recreio by 5½ sets to 3½.

S. A. and O. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)—drew with H. N. Silva and H. F. Gonsalves 6-6; beat A. V. Remedios and J. B. Gonsalves 6-2; beat W. A. Reed and H. A. Barros 6-3; A. H. Madar and H. D. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)—beat Silva and Gonsalves 6-1; beat Remedios and Gonsalves 6-4; lost to Reed and Barros 1-6; A. R. Minu and I. M. A. Razack (I.R.C.)—beat Silva and Gonsalves 6-4; lost to Remedios and Gonsalves 3-6; lost to Reed and Barros 1-6.

TENNIS OFF

Owing to the heavy rain this morning, to-day's League Lawn Tennis games have been postponed.

INTER-VARSITY CRICKET MATCH FOR RED CROSS

Oxford and Cambridge have agreed to meet in a cricket match at Lords on June 28. This is the first occasion that the universities will have met at cricket.

All the proceeds of the one-day match will go to the Red Cross. Cambridge have raised a team which has been playing various opponents, but Oxford have not arranged any games though they have selected a captain who has several good men round whom to build a team.—Reuter.



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In reviewing activities of the new griffins, China ponies, pride of place must inevitably be given OOLONG, belonging to Mr. T. K. Li. This pony appeared in five races and won four of them. Stakes money won amounted to \$7,681.00 — quite a substantial return against its original investment. After winning the Maiden Stakes, the Hong Kong Derby, under Mr. Needa, it went on to win the Hopeful Stakes with Mr. Sokoloff up, and then, ridden by Mr. Pollock, veteran jockey, it lost narrowly to Velvetcight.

Oolong's next triumph—and in this I consider that it scored its best win—came in the Easter Stakes. Under the control of Mr. Needa, Oolong won by a head from its stable companion, Confusion Bay, in the record time of 1.49.3, beating Racylight's previous record by 4-2/5 secs.

Oolong should remain supreme for some time to come, and in my estimation there is no other China pony capable of extending it.

VELVETLIGHT, belonging to the Cire Stable, is undoubtedly the next best pony. After running second in the Hong Kong Derby, it was the only pony which had a win against Oolong, and that was in the Tyro Stakes, over a mile. Velvetcight has since proved itself a pony to be reckoned with in the future. At the Second Extra Race Meeting, carrying top-weight of 159 lb., it won the Canton Handicap (first section) for "B" Class ponies over six furlongs, as a result of which it was immediately promoted to "A" Class. It gave a real glimpse of its true form in the Whitsun Plate, over 1½ miles, when it was beaten by O-Lan by only a neck in record time.

Starting Gate Problem

In order of merit, WORLD FAIR VIEW, belonging to Mr. Li Lan-sang, is the next best. During the course of the Annual Meeting it showed a distinct dislike to the starting gate, but once this fear was got under control this pony turned in some good performances. After winning the Racing Stakes, its improvement became more evident, so much so that, carrying 156 lb., it won the St. George's Plate at the Fourth Extra Meeting over 1½ miles in record time—2.23.0—beating the record previously set up by Navylight by 2-1/5 secs. In the Whitsun Plate it was expected to do well, but found O-Lan, Velvetcight, and Confusion Bay too good.

WONDERFUL SCHEME, belonging to Kong Bros., won the Mirs Bay Stakes from the 1½ mile post at the Third Extra Meeting, and then went on to win the Loma Handicap (first section) at the Sixth Extra Meeting over a mile. On both occasions it was ridden by Mr. Craven, and in the latter race it led from start to finish to score a creditable win against Johnsberry and Avon, and pay out a dividend of \$92.00.

So Nice's Surprise

SO NICE did not start at the Annual Meeting, but came out under Mr. S. W. Tang in the Lopiters Stakes over six furlongs at the First Extra Meeting, in which it ran unplaced. This performance was repeated in the Kongmun Plate over a mile. Under Mr. Davis, however, it ran third in the Mirs Bay Stakes, and then came a real surprise. Ridden again by Mr. Tang, it won the Kellett Handicap over 1½ miles to pay a dividend of \$67.30. Other ponies among this year's grif-



TO-DAY'S DERBY STARTERS

Following are the probable starters for the War Time Derby to-day:

Single Court (Cliff Richards), Royal Academy (Gethin), Cuerdley (Jones), Mazarin (Bartlam), Devonian (Perryman), Selim Hassan (Beerv), Valdavian (Herbert), Starwort (Joe Taylor), Firozeddin (Stephenson), Annatom (Arthur Wragg), Morogoro (Harry Wragg), Owen Tudor (Nevett), Thoroughfare (Sam Wragg), Chateau la Rose (Bridgland), Sun Castle (Pat Beasley), Orthodox (Dennis Smith), Ptolemy (Ephraim Smith), Camperdown (Lowrey), Lambert Simnel (Elliott), Sunny Island (Carey) and Fairy Prince (Line).—Reuter.

Lambert Simnel, owned by the Duke of Westminster, is the 5 to 1 favourite, while Mr. Harry Morris' Chateau la Rose winner of the Coronation Cup, is quoted at 100 to 9.

Final Call-Over

Following is the final call-over: 5—1 Lambert Simnel; 11—2 Sun Castle; 6—1, t and o Morogoro; 10—1, o 21—2, t Devonian; 100—9, o 100—8 t Chateau la Rose; 100—9, o 15—1 t Orthodox; 100—7, o Starwort; 100—6, o Thoroughfare; 18—1 Ptolemy; 20—1 Fairy Prince; 22—1, t and o Annatom; 22—1, o Camperdown; 25—1, t and o Cuerdley; 25—1, o 33—1, t Owen Tudor; 33—1, t and o Mazarin; 33—1, o Sunny Island; 40—1, t and o Royal Academy; 40—1, o Fettes; 50—1, o Valdavian; 50—1, o Sellim Hassan; 66—1, o Single Court; and 100—1, o Firozeddin.—Reuter.

GALVESTON BAY won the Fatshan Handicap (second section) in a Novices' Race, ridden by Mr. Yul, and then with Mr. Tu up it won the Lead Mine Handicap (second section) at the Sixth Extra Meeting.

Blue Field Stands Out

In my opinion the most improved pony among the old griffins is BLUE FIELD. It won three races at successive meetings, in the last of which it smashed Sam's Choice's record for the two mile post distance by three-fifths of a second.

EVE OF REASON did little of note after changing hands, but at the last meeting it again came to the fore with Mr. Craven on top, when it ran away with the Loma Handicap (second section) over a mile for "B" Class ponies.

Other old griffins that have done well are Galaxy in the Hongham Bay Handicap and Thirty Six in the Kellett Handicap (first section).

OLD SUBS.

Nothing really interesting can be written regarding the old subscription griffins, China ponies, with the exception of KING KONG. Ridden by Mr. Wei, it won the Lead Mine Handicap (first section) over six furlongs and paid out the handsome dividend of \$68.20.

PORTRUSH won the Taiwan Bay Handicap (second section), ridden by Mr. Li Shiu-fai over a mile for Novice jockeys.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Skater — Your complaint should be addressed to the management of the rink concerned—Sports Ed.

The tennis championships at Chinese Recreation Club have reached the concluding stages in both the singles and doubles events. In the singles Paul Kong, who created an upset when he beat Tsui Wai-pui in the Second Round, is expected to win his semi-final tie against Lu Tak-cheuk, and the other semi-finalists are K. H. Ip and Tsui Yan-pui, Colony champion.

The Tsui brothers, holders of the Colony title, have already reached the Final of the doubles championship and will meet the winners of the semi-final tie between Lee Yue-wing and Chan Tak-chan and Paul Kong and U. Tin-kwong.

Sparrow, 1941 Australian subscription griffin, owned by Mr. Li Chok-ll, which was sent to Macao together with the batch of ponies that took part in the race meeting in that port last Sunday, has been left there for Summer grazing. The rest of the ponies that made the trip have all since returned to the Colony.



Mr. T. K. Li's O-Lan (Mr. Hearne up) winning the Whitsun Plate by a neck from Cire's Velvetcight (Mr. Wei) in record time. Mr. Li's champion, Confusion Bay (Mr. Black up), seen here on the rally, was third, three lengths behind and World Fair View was fourth.

BUSH RUNNER-UP FOUR TIMES BUT NEVER CHAMPION

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

"I see that I have been called the former billiards champion of Shanghai. Actually I have never won that title. Perhaps the reason why they call me ex-champion is because I was runner-up four times to C. W. Porter, each time losing by a few points in games of 2,000 up," said E. D. Bush, who is to meet A. J. Osmund, Colony billiards champion, in a charity game at Club de Recreio on Friday, June 27.

Bush started playing billiards as far back as 1907 and, to quote one who has been playing quite a great deal with him recently, he is "still going strong." He has won many club championships in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Hankow, and was captain of the "Thirty Club" in Shanghai when they won the Shanghai Billiards League. He was also a member of the Lusitano team that won the same trophy and was in the winning team seven times in all.

Interporter

Bush was chosen to play for Shanghai in the Interport match against Hong Kong, in Shanghai, in 1927, which Hong Kong won.

He has met the present Colony champion, A. J. Osmund, three times and won once, but he thinks Sgt. T. Pitt, formerly of the Police here, the best player ever to have held the Colony title.

He has also played such men as E. B. Roza, Leung Kam-kong, who was champion after Pitt, and P. Yvanovich, while in Shanghai he played against George Faulkner (1925), and Alec Taylor (1928) and between 1925 and 1928 played several times against George Grey, "magic circle" player, who once made a break of 3,000 from "in-offs" alone.

Break Of 186

Highest break Bush ever made in his life was 186, and in this connection he recalls that he was playing against Harry Ollerdessen,

SHANGHAI POLICE ATHLETICS

The recent Annual Shanghai Police Sports was the occasion of several of the local track and field standards being shattered unofficially. The new records will not likely be recognised because of the strong wind which aided the runners.

Tony Fonseca, was responsible for no less than two record breaking performances when he covered the 100 yard Police Championship race in the remarkable time of 9.9 seconds, and by copping the Open 440 yards in the outstanding time of 49.6.

Fonseca also garnered first place in the Police 440 yard run and the Police 220 yard dash. His time of 22.8 seconds in the latter race equals the standard set by Gus Johannsen several years back.—N.C.D.N.

T. Fonseca is the brother of J. Fonseca, Recreio hockey player, and softballer.

Royal Corps of Signals maintained their unbeaten record when they beat Royal Navy "A" in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitational water-polo tournament yesterday by 3 goals to 1 in the Army pool.

Digman (2) and McCann scored for Signals and Rutter for Navy "A". In the other match, Middlesex "B" beat Bir. A.A. Regt. R.A. by 5 goals to 4. Lomax (2) Peacock (2) and Smith scored for Middlesex and Robinson, Molyneux, Lomax and Vabsey for Gunners.



E. D. Bush

one of the finest opening batsmen to have played for Shanghai in Interport cricket games against Hong Kong, in a game of 300 up which he finished in two visits to the table!

Bush has achieved the ambition of every keen billiards player — he has topped the hundred mark for three-figure breaks.

Asked about his forthcoming game against Osmund, Bush said that he never played at his best in the hot weather, when "one's hands are always sticky and the shirt never dry," but he looked forward to a good game, nevertheless, and added he would have four evenings of practice on the Recreio table before the game.

BACK-STROKE RELAY NOT INCLUDED

At a meeting of swimming clubs at V.R.C. yesterday the Combined Chinese Clubs appointed Mr. Ho Siew-um, Chinese Bathing Club, as convener for the aquatic gala on July 26 between Combined Chinese and Combined V.R.C. and European Y.M.C.A., and have decided that heats will be necessary before their team is selected.

Points will be awarded as follows:—Individual events 3, 2 and 1; relays or team events 3 and 0 and Water-polo 5 and 0. Two swimmers will represent each team in the individual events and one team in the relays.

It was decided to drop the 200 yards back-stroke relay for teams of four and substitute a 400 yards relay for four men and four women.

Miss V. Churn, V.R.C. lady swimming champion, had her first practice in the V.R.C. pool yesterday.

A swimming gala between Victoria Recreation Club and Lai Tsun Swimming Union has been arranged to take place at V.R.C. on Saturday, July 5.

A. instruction class for water-polo referees with blackboard discussion will be held at European Y.M.C.A. this evening at 7.30 p.m.

C. Champolover reached the Semifinal of the Y.M.C.A. Billiards Championship when he beat H. Neubronner 300-109 last night.

A meeting of the Swimming Committee of European Y.M.C.A. will be held in the West Lounge this evening at 9 p.m.

Stripped of their best swimmers owing to transfers to Sing Tad, South China have little talent available and the swimming committee are now devoting their time to the training of a bunch of youngsters. In order to encourage them still further South China have invited second string swimmers and Victoria Recreation Club to a gala early next month.

DAVE LEONARD AND WALLY CHING SHINE Disastrous Sixth For Asheville POWLAWSKI PROMINENT AGAINST R.E.

By "Grandstand"

HIGHLIGHTED BY Dave Leonard's base-cleaning triple, Hong Kong Brewers got back into their groove last Sunday to triumph over U.S.S. Asheville 7 to 4, whilst Chung Hwa Maroons nosed out South China 6 to 5, despite Wally Ching's official no-hitter, in the first over-time tilt, which went into the ninth before the issue was decided, and the Merry Mindanaoans humbled Royal Engineers 12 to 1 in a cow pasture carnival of clout last Saturday.

The Brewers—Asheville tussle looked like anybody's game up to the sixth, when hurler DiGiacomo lost control and walked Baby Abbas with the bases loaded.

Madeen "Slim" Arculli, who tossed them in for the victors, fanned three and was found for eight safeties, whilst DiGiacomo fanned three and passed four in five and one-third innings. Charlie Sawyer, replacing DiGiacomo on the hill, walked one for the remaining two-thirds of the inning. DiGiacomo was nicked for five blows, whilst Sawyer yielded a two-run single.

Brewery lead-off man George Souza drew a pass on the gravy train on four pitched balls, whilst Hank Ali had a free ride to first on catcher Langford's interference. Tony Alves dumped a honey which caught flinger DiGiacomo flat-footed to choke the sacks. Coming up to the platter in the clean-up slot, Dave Leonard crashed one into the left pastures for three bases to clear the paths, and was robbed of a four-master when hindsnatcher Langford put the whammy on him at the plate, when he attempted to stretch it.

Asheville's 1st Counter

In the Asheville half of the initial canto, although "Dusty" Rhoades singled and Lefty Crumm worked Arculli for a pass, both died on the sacks, as Haight fanned the breeze to end the chapter. For the next three frames, the hurlers had the better of the batters, neither side being able to produce a tally, the Goofmen breaking into the scoring column in the fifth, when Brewery hindsnatcher Oscar Arculli arched one to the mid-way cushion on double steal set-up. Before the ball could be relayed back Rhoades had already crossed the pan standing up for Asheville's first counter.

In the disastrous sixth frame, two successive blows put runners on the fly paths. Dave Leonard, coming up for his third cut, was given an intentional pass on four pitched balls to souse the sacks with none away. Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard, next up, struck a short-circuit and popped out for the first erasure. After holding Baby Abbas to a three and two count, DiGiacomo couldn't find the plate and walked Abbas to push a run over the plate. Hurler Charlie Sawyer, who was sent up to the firing point after DiGiacomo had been sent to the showers, walked the next batter to face him for another tally to trickle in, whilst Shorty Arculli cuffed one into deep right to chase in two more Goofmen.

It was decided to drop the 200 yards back-stroke relay for teams of four and substitute a 400 yards relay for four men and four women.

Trailing behind 7 to 2, the Mighty "A" could produce only two counters on three successive blows to right, where Lefty Joe Bowen was given a busy time.

Although Baby Abbas was guilty of two of his mate's three misques, he atoned for it by rapping out a single in his only time at bat, whilst Tony "Pee-wee" Alves came up with two neat bunts in his three trips to fatten his average. "Dusty" Rhoades and Honolulu Lels were good for two in four, the former setting up a new high by burbling five bases.

The big wallop of the day was made by Dave "Bambino" Leonard when he cracked out a triple with the bases loaded, whilst Lefty Crumm slashed out the only other extra-base clout with a two-bagger.

Nine Action-Packed Innings

BATTING through nine action-packed innings Chung Hwa shaded South China 6 to 5 in Saturday's nightcap to chalk up their first win in their initial appearance.

Lossing pitcher Wally Ching, who yielded four blows in the two-over-time frames, was credited with an official no-hitter, having pitched a shut-out game for the full regulation distance of seven frames.

Mound Victor Al Lau fanned nine and walked two, whilst Wally Ching whiffed

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	W.	L.	Ptg.
Mindanao	2	0	1,000
Chung. Hwa	1	0	1,000
Asheville	1	1	500
H.B.	1	1	500
Royal Engineers	1	1	500
H.K. Baseballers	0	1	000
South China	0	2	000

BOWLS TEAMS

Following are some of the teams for Saturday's Lawn Bowls League games:

RECREIO

First Division "A" (v. C.S.C.C., Home) Joe Luz, C. E. Marques, J. E. Noronha and C. G. Silva (Skip).

L. F. Xavier, C. M. Silva, H. A. Alves and F. X. Silva (Skip).

F. X. Soares, C. Roza-Pereira, F. V. Ribeiro and R. F. Luz (Skip).

First Division "B" (v. K.D.R.C., Away) D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, E. M. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip).

F. A. Machado, J. C. Remedios, Eddie Sousa and L. J. Silva (Skip).

C. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Gutierrez (Skip).

Second Division (v. K.C.C., Away) A. J. Osmund, A. V. Barros, A. F. Noronha and O. P. Remedios (Skip).

L. A. Rozario, E. L. Barros, C. A. Lopes and J. R. Soares (Skip).

A. P. Pereira, Fred A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and C. C. Pereira (Skip).

POLICE R.C.

First Division (v. K.B.G.C. "A" Away) W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. S. Dall and J. Shepherd (Skip).

C. H. Gough, C. Pile, G. Perkins and W. Mai (Skip).

G. E. Wilberton, F. C. Channing, R. Nolan and E. G. Post (Skip).

Third Division (v. K.B.G.C. Home) J. Hayward, J. S. Riddell, J. R. MacWalter, and J. C. Altkins (Skip).

S. Soutar, C. Wilcox, W. MacHardy and J. W. MacDonald (Skip).

E. Greenwood, W. M. Smith, A. J. Johnson and A. E. Carey (Skip).

Reserves:—G. Davies, J. Forrest and H. Dewar.

KOWLOON B.G.C.

"A" First Division (v. P.R.C. Home) G. W. Deacon, E. Levett, W. L. Walker and A. Holland (Skip).

L. Sykes, H. Lockhart, H. White and A. J. Hall (Skip).

R. Phillips, A. Hyde Lay, H. E. Drew and J. McElvie (Skip).

W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, W. McNeill and R. Duncan (Skip).

P. A. Peckham, H. Bicknell, J. C. Gill and J. G. Meyer (Skip).

E. Scard, A. Morton, E. A. Atkins and L. Guy (Skip).

Third Division (v. P.R.C. Away)

C. E. Langley, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Seaton and H. Nish (Skip).

J. S. Dinnen, A. Bower, G. E. F. Thompson and C. Wallis (Skip).

S. C. Walker, G. W. Elphick, L. A. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (Skip).

INDIAN R.C.

First Division (v. Craigengower Cricket Club, Home)

A. K. Suffield, K. M. Rumjahn, A. M. Rumjahn, and M. R. Abbas (Skip).

J. Hodson, U. A. Rumjahn, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (Skip).

D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, A. H. Rumjahn and A. R. Dallah (Skip).

Third Division (v. H.K. Electric Club, Away)

M. A. Wahab, M. Hassan, M. U. Razack and S. M. Rumjahn (Skip).

B. el Arculli, A. S. Suffield, A. H. Madar and A. M. Wahab (Skip).

M. B. Hassan, J. M. A. Rumjahn, A. G. Suffield and A. O. Madar (Skip).

H.K.G.C.

Second Division (v. Craigengower C.C., Away)

S. L. Lloyd, J. G. Haigh, H. G. Wellington and G. E. Costello (Skip).

G. G. Aitkenhead, T. R. Rowell, L. A. R. Duncan and F. Goodwin (Skip).

R. R. Davies, R. A. Edwards, P. J. A. Hamilton and A. W. Brown (Skip).

Reserves:—J. A. D. Morrison and E. H. Reserves.

Third Division (v. Kowloon F.C., Home)

B. J. Lacon, L. E. N. Ryan, H. F. Shields and A. S. Mitchell (Skip).

El H. Beddow, W. R. Lambert, P. A. Cox and P. S. Cassidy (Skip).

Dr. D. J. Valentine, R. J. Shrigley, Col. E. S. Doughty, and A. Nissim (Skip).

Reserve:—P. Morrison.

The bowls match arranged between H.K.E.R.C. and Lanes, Crawford's for this evening has been postponed.

MIDDLESEX ROLLER-SKATERS LOSE 16 TO 10

Playing at home last night in the "Kin Shing Cup" basketball league (on roller skates), Kowloon Skating Rink defeated Middlesex Regiment by 16 points to 10 after leading 12-4 at the end of the first half.

Points for the "Rink" team were scored by Fung Chack-hung (4), Yeung Yuk-chung (4), and Chen Pui-kam (4

INTENSE AIR BATTLES IN LIBYA AND SYRIA

R.A.F. Loses Nine 'Planes In Heavy Day

Strip Tease Shocks Shanghai

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Five Chinese strip tease dancers were arrested and hauled to court in a police raid on a crowded Shanghai burlesque theatre yesterday.

Packed screaming and kicking into a police van, the girls faced the judge in hastily slipped on robes and were sentenced to 50 days in gaol for "immoral dancing." — International News Service.

PAYMENT OF CHINESE SEAMEN

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Shipping, at question time in the House of Commons yesterday, disclosed that Fleet Air Arm started large fires among enemy vehicles, a number of which were destroyed or damaged.

He added: "I am glad to say there have been no recent difficulties with crews in this country." — Reuter.

R.A.F. SUPPORT of the British forces in the Libyan and Syrian battles, and heavy raids on Benghazi and other enemy bases, are the high spots of yesterday's R.A.F. communiqué in Cairo.

The communiqué says that, in Cyrenaica, the Imperial Air Forces were continuously active throughout Monday in support of the operations carried out by our ground forces.

Numerous sorties were made by our fighters to drive off aircraft attempting to bomb and machine-gun our troops, and in many instances enemy bombers were forced to jettison their bombs without attacking.

In the course of combats one Messerschmidt 109 was shot down and several other ME 109's and 110's were severely damaged. One Heinkel was destroyed on the ground.

During Sunday night Benghazi harbour, several enemy aerodromes and concentrations of motor transport were heavily attacked. A number of fires were started in Benghazi harbour.

Bardia Strafed

At Bardia, aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm started large fires among enemy vehicles, a number of which were destroyed or damaged.

Fires were also started on the landing grounds at Derna, Marsa, and Gazala, where bombs fell among dispersed aircraft, many of which are believed to have been destroyed.

Patrol In Syria

In Syria, British and Australian aircraft continued to support the ground operations and to maintain patrols over supporting units. Our bombers carried out a successful raid on Rayak, damaging the runway and aerodrome buildings and causing a large explosion.

Australian aircraft machine-gunned and damaged a concentration of enemy mechanical transport near Quenieran.

A number of Junkers 88's were intercepted off the coast by R.A.F. fighters on patrol over British ships, one of the enemy being shot down and a number of others damaged.

FROM ALL THESE OPERATIONS NINE OF OUR AIRCRAFT ARE MISSING. — REUTER.

KING DECORATES CORPORAL

One of the men of the famous Bomb Disposal Squad who saved St. Paul's Cathedral last September by removing a one-ton high explosive delayed action bomb buried on the south-west corner of the Cathedral, was decorated by the King with the George Cross at a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace.

He was Corporal George Wyllie, to whom fell the task of actual discovery and removal of the bomb.

When the bomb was dug up, the Removal Squad, commanded by Lt. Robert Davis, who also received the George Cross, loaded the bomb on a lorry and drove it to Hackney Marshes, some miles away, where it was exploded.

Corporal Wyllie is a bachelor of 31 years and was a grocer in Scotland until eight years ago. Before then he was working in an aeroplane factory in England.

As the King pinned the Cross on his tunic, a Court official read out an account of his deed "for conspicuous bravery." His untiring energy, courage and disregard for danger was an outstanding example to his comrades.

The King asked Wyllie how long it took to remove the bomb. "Three days, Sir," Wyllie replied. — Reuter.

JULIANA HONOURED AT PRINCETON

Princess Juliana was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Law at Princeton University yesterday, says Reuter.

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The discovery of a Rightist plot is alleged by the Buenos Aires evening paper "Critica."

Police investigations, the paper declared yesterday, have revealed that leading military persons, reactionary and Rightist intellectuals are involved.

Government circles are silent but "Critica" insists the situation is serious.

The newspaper points to the recent increase in the number of Nazi and pro-Nazi publications which, under the guise of neutrality, are frustrating Argentine friendship with Britain and support for the United Americas policy.

Calling on the Government for energetic action, "Critica" says "The Government has isolated Argentina from her historic friendship, an attitude which suggests, although it is not so in reality, Argentine adhesion to the Nazi cause and the break of a traditional friendship." — Reuter.

Canada and the United States have established a joint committee of inquiry to explore the possibility of a greater degree of mutual economic cooperation.

This was announced by the Prime Minister's office in Ottawa last night, where it was stated: "This joint inquiry marks one further step in the implementation of the declaration of President Roosevelt and Mr. Mackenzie King at Hyde Park on April 20."

The committees will be called the Joint Economic Committees and will study and report to the respective Governments the possibilities, firstly, of effecting more economic efficiency and co-ordinated utilisation of the combined resources of the two countries in the production of defence requirements and, secondly, reducing the probable economic dislocation as a result of changes which the economics of each country are now undergoing. — Reuter.

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